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#### THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

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Monday (March 18)

VOLUME 9

NBC- 8:30-9pm EST; DEBUT - Tales of Wells Fargo - FIIM from WRCA-TV(NY) & KRCA-TV(LA), no. of stations indefinite. § Alternate Week Sponsors- 1) The American Tobacco Co (Pall Mall) thru Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, Inc (NY); Acct Exec- William Spire; Asst Acct Exec- Brooks Elms. 2) General Foods Corp (Jell-O puddings, pie fillings; Sanka) thru Young & Rubicam, Inc(NY); Acct Execs- Owen J. Burns(Jell-O), John McNeill(Sanka). § Pkgr & Film Prod- Overland Productions, Inc., at Republic Studios, Studio City, Calif.; Prod- Nat Holt; Dirs- Various; Chief Writer & Story Consultant- Frank Gruber. § Dale Robertson stars in this Western adventure series as Jim Hardie, Wells Fargo agent. Each episode is based on a different incident in the history of the express company, when it advanced with the pioneers in opening the West, 1852 to 1918. The series replaces Stanley (last show March 11) in the time spot.

Wednesday (March 20)

CES- 9-10pm EST; SPECIAL - Hemo the Magnificent - FIIM (COLOR) from WCBS-TV(NY), 180 stations net, approx 20 delayed. § Sponsor- American Telephone & Telegrah Co (Bell Telephone System) thru N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc(Fhila); Acct Exec-Vance Babb. § Pkgr- American Telephone & Telegraph Co; Prod & Dir- Frank Capra; Animation- Shamus Culhane Productions, Inc; Writer- Frank Capra, with the technical assistance of a scientific advisory board. § Story-line documentary using actors, animated cartoons and microphotography to present a fully-detailed story of blood, its circulation and the heart-pump. Richard Carlson plays "The Fiction Writer," with Dr. Frank Baxter as "Dr. Research," in this second program of AT&T-Bell System's Science Series. The first was Cur Mr. Sun, presented Nov 19, 1956. Hemo the Magnificent pre-empts The Millionaire, 9-9:30pm, and I've Got a Secret, 9:30-10pm, one time only.

Saturday (March 23)

CBS- 10:30-11pm EST; RETURN - Two for the Money - LIVE from WCES-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- Goodson-Todman Productions(NY); Exec Prod-Gil Fates; Prod & Dir- Ira Skutch; Writers- Norman Barasch, Carroll Moore, Art Baer; Music Dir- Milton DeLugg. § Humorist Sam Levinson is host of the audience participation quiz show, with Dr. Mason Gross, Provost and Professor of Philosophy at Rutgers University, judging the correctness of contestants' answers. The program originally debuted over NBC on Sept 30, 1952, and moved to CBS on August 15, 1953, where it had been seen Saturdays, 9-9:30pm NYT, thru Sept 22, 1956. Herb Shriner was the original m.c.host, with other humorists replacing him each summer. Levinson was the summer sub during 1955 and again in 1956, holding the post last season until the program went off. In its return the program replaces You're On Your Own (last show March 16).

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Sunday (March 24)

CBS-5-5:30pm EST; SPECIAL - The Black Star Rises - FIIM from WCBS-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Fkgr & Prod-CBS News(NY); Editors-Leslie Midgley, Ed Hoyt; Dir-Vern Diamond; Camera-Cyril Bliss; Sound-Frank Binney. § Howard K. Smith, CBS News Chief European Correspondent, gives a live eyewitness account of the tour of Vice President Richard Nixon's visit to the new nation of Ghana and six other African countries, with the film showing what each of the countries is like, tied in with the visit of the Vice President to each. The program pre-empts Mama, this date only.

#### OTHER NETWORK CHANGES & ADDITIONS

- CBS- The Big Payoff (Mon thru Fri, 3-3:30pm EST) Delete Betty Ann Grove as a regular, effective March 11.
- NBC- Masquerade Party (Wed, 8-8:30pm EST) Add Eddie Bracken as m.c., with panelists Betsy Palmer, Ilka Chase, Bobby Sherwood and Johnny Johnston. (See page 16).

Tonight! (Mon thru Fri, 11:50pm-lam EST) Add Judy Johnson as permanent hostess in New York, effective March 11.

The Gumby Show; DEBUT March 16; Saturdays, 10:30-llam EST; LIVE & FILM from WRCA-TV(NY), no. of stations indefinite. § Sponsor- Sweets Co of America, Inc., direct. § Pkgr- NEC-TV(NY); Prod- Roger Muir; Dir- Bob Hultgren; Creator- Art Clokey. § "Gumby", a wedge-shaped character made of modeling clay, is a three-dimensional character created with stop motion animation. Each weekly program includes a Gumby adventure, an animated cartoon and a live segment. The latter revolves around activities in the Fun Shop, operated by a Scotsman named Scotty McKey, played by Bobby Nicholson, who is also featured on the Howdy Doody Show, the same program that first introduced "Gumby." The program replaces I Married Joan (last show March 9).

Club 60 (Mon thru Fri, 1:30-2:30pm EST) Add Dennis James as regular m.c. until mid-May, effective March 18. He had been guest m.c. since March 4. Program is now seen over 50 NBC stations. Also add Art Van Damme Quintet as regulars. (See pages 12, 14).

The Steve Allen Show (Sun, 8-9pm EST) Program will originate from Hollywood, March 24 and 31, then return to NY origination.

Watch Mr. Wizard; new time effective March 16, Saturdays, 11:30am-12noon EST; formerly seen 12:30-lpm. Program will be in the spot for two weeks, with permanent time to be assigned. (Change of information previously noted on page 16).

#### MAJOR LOCAL DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- WRCA-TV(Ch 4)- Shariland; DEBUT March 16; Sat, 8-9am EST. Sustaining. Pkgr-WRCA-New York

  TV; Prod- John Fengler; Dir- Hugh McPhillips; Writer, Music & Lyrics-Lan O'Kun. Ventriloquist Shari Lewis presents music, stories and magic tricks for children, 3-15, taking viewers thru "Shariland".
- WTMJ-TV(Ch 4)- How Children Learn; DEBUT March 9; Sat, 1:30-2pm CST, for 6 weeks.

  Pkgr & Prod- WTMJ-TV with the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee;

  Coord- Lucille Gleisner (Uof W campus school). Educational series with

  University of Wisconsin professors and personnel discussing "How Children Learn

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  creative activities.

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Most of the shows on March, 15,16, 17, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, March 22. Script identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Cenerally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names of extra actors are available.

#### SATURDAY MARCH 16

PERRY COMO SHOW NBC 8pm

ADD: Esther Williams(A), Edye Gorme(S), Georgie Kaye(C).

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET CBS 10am ADD CAST: In The Dust Of Hope; David Opatoshu, Bennye Gatt-(Dr. Lyman Bryson) eys, Greg Roman, Bert Cowlan, Michael Kane.

CAMERA THREE CBS 11:30am Scenes from Macheth; (0) William Shakespeare; with John Callicos, Colleen Dewhurst

ED SULLIVAN SHOW CBS &pm ADD: Bil And Cora Baird Puppets.

OMNIBUS
(Alistair Cooke)

ABC 9pm
ADD CAST: The Story of Amelia Earhart; with Burgess Meredith,
Robert Pastene, Frank Daly, Richard Carlyle, Michael Higgins,
Elaine Ellis, Leslie Barrette, Ruth White; Dir - Charles
Dubin

The Victorian Chaise Lounge; (0) Marghanita Laski; (A) James

P. Cavanaugh; with Joan Fontaine, Mark Dans, Sidney Smith,

Marion Seldes, Mollie Blessing, Nelson Welch, Philip Tonge,

Bruce Lester; Dir - Herschel Daugherty.

#### MONDAY MARCH 18

Wire Service ABC 7:30pm No Peace at Lo Dao; (0) Lowell Barrington; (A) Elliot West, (Mercedes McCambridge) Lowell Barrington; with Miss McCambridge, Keye Luke, Vladimar Sokoloff, Robert Kino, Morris Ankrum; Dir - Reginald LeBorg

Burns & Allen CBS 8pm with regulars & Mary Livingstone, Howard McNear; (SW&SD).

VOICE OF FIRESTONE ABC 8:30pm Jerome Hines

Talent Scouts CBS 8:30pm Video-Taped: Shelly Gray(S), Douglas Williams(M), Denise Wray(S).

Tales of Wells NBC 8:30pm PREMIERE: The Thin Rope; (0) N.B. Stone; with Mr. Robertson, Chuck Connors, George Wallace, Robert Burton, Kit Carson, Russ Thorson, Jacqueline Holt; Dir - Les Martinson; Producer of series is Nat Holt.

TOP TUNES & ABC 9:30pm Peter Fountain(M), Ralph Sanford(S). NEW TALENT(Lawrence Welk)

December Bride CBS 9:30pm Kissing Booth; with regulars & Elvia Allman, Robert Fortier, (Spring Byington) Frank Jenks; (SW&SD).

ROBERT MONTGOMERY NBC 9:30pm

His Name Was Death; (0) Frederic Brown; (A) Frank Telford;

with Henry Jones, Arch Johnson, Dolores Sutton, Heywood Broun,

Jr., Sandy Kenyon, Elspeth Eric, Phyllis Newman, Treva Fra-

zee; Dir - Frank Telford.

STUDIO ONE

CBS 10pm

Walk Down The Hill; (0) Ernest Kinoy; with William Smithers,

Davis Lewis, Don Gordon, Lonnie Chapman, Frank Sutton, Ivan

Dixon, Clu Gulager, Stefan Gierasch, John Fiedler, Fred Rolf,

Lew Gallo; Dir - Norman Felton.

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Douglas Fairbanks Presents	WRCA 10:30pm	Fast Buck; with John McCallum, Lois Maxwell; no other info available at press time.
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Conflict	ABC 7:30pm	The People Against McQuade; with Tab Hunter, Dani Crayne, James Garner, Raymond Bailey, Chet Stratton, Robert Hover, Mildred von Hollen, Dick Ryan, Lawrence Green, Joanna Heyes; Dir - Roy Del Ruth.
JONATHAN WINTERS SHOW	NBC 7:30pm	Dorothy Collins(S).
Phil Silvers Show	CBS 8pm	Bilko's Black Magic; with regulars & Gerald Hiken; (SW&SD).
Wyatt Earp (Hugh O'Brian)	ABC 8:30pm	The Vultures; with regulars & Mort Mills, Lane Bradford, Gordon Clark, Claudia Bryar; (SW&SD).
Panic!	NBC 8:30pm	The Boy; with Billy Chapin, Ross Elliott, Jack Lambert, Michael Granger, Paula Winslowe, Michael Taylor.
Broken Arrow	ABC 9pm	Johnny Flagstaff; with regulars & James Craig, Louis Martin, Louise Collier, Jimmy Baird; (SW&SD).
Jane Wyman Show	NBC 9pm	The Wildcatter; with Virginia Grey, Claude Akins; no other info available at press time.
DuPont Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	Dan Marshall's Brat; (0) Michael Fessier; with Patty McCor- mack, Russ Johnson, Barbara Eiler, Paul Fix, Francis Mac- Donald; Dir - Reginald Le Borg.
RED SKELTON SHOW	CBS 9:30pm	Virginia Grey(A).
ARMSTRONG CIRCLE THEATRE	NBC 9:30pm	Four Homes For Danny; (0) Phil Reisman, Jr.; with Raymond Duke, Joe Maross, Peggy McKay, Richard Kendrick, Bethel Leslie.
IT'S POLKA TIME	ABC 10pm	Tatra Mountaineer Folk Dancers
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THE TERESA BREWER SHOW	CBS 8pm	George DeWitt(C), Joan Holloway(D), Terry Gilkyson and The Easy Riders(S).
Navy Log	ABC 8:30pm	After You, Ludwig; with Bart Burns, King Donovan, Werner Klemperer, Ivan Triesault.
Father Knows Best (Robert Young)	NBC 8:30pm	Safety First; with regulars & Ethel May Halls, Jimmy Bates, Dee Pollock; (SW&SD).
KRAFT THEATRE	NBC 9pm	Night Of The Plague; (0) Lester Powell; with Edward Mulhare, Barry Jones, Maggie Smith, Geoffrey Lumb, Milton Selzer, Alfred Shirley, Andine Forrest; Dir - Fred Carney.
Ford Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	The Man Across The Hall; (0) Jonathan Kohn & Bernard Drew; with Robert Sterling, Vera Ellen, Marga Ann Deighton, Eddie Ryder, Marjorie Bennett; Dir - James Neilson.
20th Century-Fox Hour	CBS 10pm	The Man Who Couldn't Wait; (0) Leo Lieberman; with Charles Bickford, Jay C. Flippen, Arthur Franz, Josephine Hutchinson, Whit Bissell, Willis Bouchey, Vivi Janiss, Henry Slate, Sydney Smith, John Eldredge, Barbara Woodell, Robert Osterloh, Harry Harvey, Sr., Herb Vigran, Thomas B. Henry, George E. Stone, Barney Phillips, John Doucette, David Bond; Dir - Lewis Allen.

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Sgt. Preston (Richard Simmons)	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Dick Wilson, Gene Roth, Ralph Neff, Ed Deering, Harry Tyler; (SW&SD).
CIRCUS TIME	ABC Epm	The Florida Trio(acro), Betty Ann Groves(S), Nita & Pepi(bal-ancing), Duke Art(C).
Bob Cummings Show	CBS 8pm	Bob Meets The Mortons; with regulars & George Burns & Gracie Allen, Bea Benaderet, Larry Keating.
CLIMAX! (Bill Lundigan)	CBS 8:30pm	Let It Be Me; (0) Eileen & Robert Mason Pollock; with Eddie Albert, Steve Forrest, Maureen O'Sullivan, Charles Ruggles, Jill Corey, Johnny Desmond; Dir - Jack Smight.
The People's Choice (Jackie Cooper)	NBC 9pm	with regulars & Strother Martin, Lisa Davis, Gloria Pall; (SW&SD).
PLAYHOUSE 90	CBS 9:30pm	The Hostess With The Mostes; (0) Speed Lamkin & Hagar Wilde; with Shirley Booth, Jackie Coogan, Evelyn Rudie, Shepperd Strudwick, Frank Milan, Hedda Hopper, Perle Mesta; Dir - Paul Nickell.
THE FORD SHOW	NBC 9:30pm	Steve Allen(C).
LUX VIDEO THEATRE (Gordon MacRae)	NBC 10pm	The Great Lie; (0) Polan Banks; (A) Sanford Barnett; with Jan Sterling, Catherine McLecd, Charles McGraw, Eleanor Audley, Joseph Hamilton, Robert Quarry, Isabelle Cooley; Dir - James Yarbrough.

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Adventures of Rin- Tin-Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:50pm	Boone's Commission; (SW) Jennings Cobb; with regulars & John Mitchum; (SD) Lew Landers.
Adventures of Jim Bowle (Scott Forbes)	ABC Epm	Thieves Market; with regulars & Pam Baird, Kem Dibbs, Kay Kuter, Chester Jones; (SW&SD).
Crossroads	ABC 8:30pm	The Last Strand; with Conrad Nagel, Mala Powers, William Hughes, Harry Antrim, Lester Matthews, Oliver McGowan, Betty Farrington, Charlotte Fletcher, Joe Jefferson, Kay Kuter, Whit Bissell.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	A Fugitive; (0) Frederic Louis Fox, Aaron Spelling; with Eddie Albert, Celeste Holm, Peter Botrian, Richard Shannon, Denver Pyle; Dir - John English.
Life Of Riley	NBC 8:30pm	with regulars & Jack Albertson, Arthur Q. Bryan, Bobby Santon; (SW&SD).
Mr. Adams & Eve (Ida Lupino, Howard	CBS 9pm Duff)	Academy Award; with regulars & Sheila Graham; (SW&SD).
CHEVY SHOW	NBC 9pm	Dinah Shore, Pat Boone(S), Shirley MacLaine(D), Dan Dailey. (O) Bob Wells, Johnny Bradford; Dir - Bob Banner.
Schlitz Playhouse	CBS 9:30pm	For Better, For Worse; (0) Dwight Taylor; with Bette Davis, John Williams, Ray Stricklyn, Simon Scott, Charlie Cantor, Oliver Megowan, Katherine Warren, Nancy Kilgas, Irene Tredrow; Dir - John Brahm.
RAY ANTHONY SHOW	ABC 10pm	Connie Haines(S).
The Lineup (Warner Anderson)	CBS 10pm	The Cherokee Rose Case; with regulars & Chris O'Brien, Gage Clark, Trudy Wroe, Roger Barrett; (SW&SD).
		-THE-BOARD SHOWS FRIDAY MARCH 18 - MARCH 22

3/18 - Lou Monte(S); 3/19 - Frank Fontaine(C); 3/20 - Bobby Scott(S-M), Frank Fontaine; 3/21 - Frank Fontaine; 3/22 - Earl Wrightson(S). GOOD MORNING CBS 7am (Will Roger, Jr.)

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### MULTIPLE & ACROSS-THE-BOARD SHOWS(Contid)

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GARRY MOORE SHOW	CBS	10am	3/18 - Martha Davis & Spouse(M); 3/22 - James Reneaux(magic), Milt Kamens(C).
CLUB 60	NBC	1:30pm	Dennis James is MC until May 17 - 3/18 - Mack Murray(mental- ist); 3/19 - Lurlene Hunter(S); 3/20 - Ann Hathaway(S); 3/21 - The Step Brothers(D); 3/22 - Roger Williams(M).
NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC	3pm	3/18 - The Peaceable Kingdom; (0) Arthur Arent; 3/19 - The 19th Hole; (0) Frank Craven; (A) Warner Law; 3/20 - Weddings In The Family; (0) Dale Fife; (A) Betty Ullius; 3/21 - Mr. Krane; re-run; 3/22 - The Last Leaf; (0) Ross Claiborne, Frances Banks; re-run.
MODERN ROMANCES	NBC	4:45pm	Betty Furness is hostess in place of Martha Scott; Realiza- tion; (0) Jesse Sandler; with James Bonnett, Mary Jackson, Grant Sullivan, Kathleen Murray, Mary Fickett.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC	11:15pm	3/18 - Jimmy Durante, Charles Van Doren; 3/22 - Jane Russell.
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TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC	12N	Wait For Me; (0) Ben Radin; with Phyllis Hill, William Prince, Earl Hammond, Sam Gray, Heywood Hale Broun; Dir - Sterling Reynolds.
JACKIE GLEASON SHOW	CBS	8pm	(Jackie gleason is on vacation); Kathryn Grayson, Sarah Vaughn, Count Basie & Orch., Joe Williams(S), Dick Haymes(S), Leo DeLyon(C), The Jaye Sisters(S).
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC	8pm	Lana Turner
OZARK JUBILEE	ABC	10pm	Janis Martin(S), Sanford Clark(S).
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RAY EOLGERS! WASHINGTON SQUARE	NBC	4pm	with regulars & Patti Page, Gertrude Berg, Jim Backus.
77th Bengal Lancers	NBC	7pm	Ten Thousand Rupees; with regulars; (SW&SD).
Jack Benny Show	CBS	7:30pm	FILM: Jack Benny & Mary Livingstone in Paris; with Maurice Chevalier.
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS	8pm	Julie London(S), Ella Fitzgerald(S), Oscar Hammerstein, Dick Rodgers, Guilietta Masina(panto); ON FILM: Sophia Loren, Alan Ladd, Clifton Webb.
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC	8pm	Greer Garson, Groucho Marx, Dean Jones, Janik & Arnaut(S), The Lancers(S-D).
General Electric Theatre	CBS	9pm	Too Good With A Gun; (0) Lewis B. Patten; (A) John Dunkel; with Robert Cummings, Dayton Lummis, Michael Landon, Edith Evanson, Frank Ferguson, Jack Lambert, Ed Hinton; Dir - Herschel Daugherty.
GOODYEAR PLAYHOUSE	NBC	9pm	First Love; (0) Ivan Turgenev; (A) Hedda Rosten; with Claire Bloom, James Daly, Joel Crothers, Lily Darvas, Scott Merrill, Barbara Robbins; Dir - Alex Segal.
Loretta Young Show	NBC	1 Opm	Emergency; (0) Pamela Hennell; (0) Pauline Stone; with John Ericson, Anna Maria Alberghetti, Tris Coffin, Norma Varden, Percy Helton, Frances Mercer, Emerson Traecy; Dir - John Newland.

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#### MID-WEEK SPECIAL-

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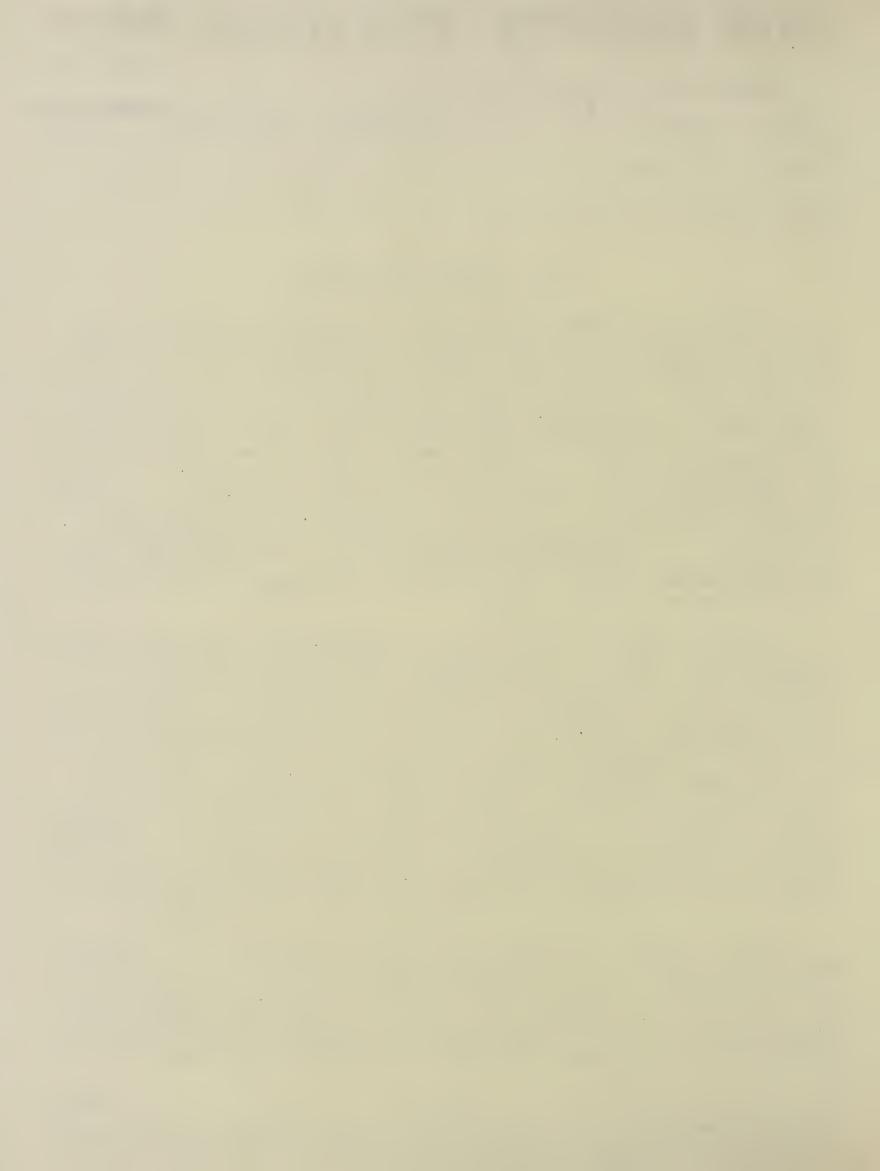
While summer replacement commitments are being announced, new series are also moving into key spots for sponsors, rounding out contract periods into the summer. On the replacement side, the perennial Arthur Murray Party will come back to CBS for the summer, sponsored by Associated Products (5 Day Deodorant Pads) thru Grey Advertising. The dance-variety show replaces Hey Jeannie!, Saturdays, 9:30-10pm NYT, probably in June. My Favorite Husband, the 13-episode series on film that co-starred Vanessa Brown and Barry Nelson, will be the summer replacement for The Jack Benny Show over CBS, starting June 30. Screen Gems will have a higher number of re-runs of its Ford Theatre series this summer than ever before. One group, under the regular Undercurrent program title for the spot, will replace The Lineup for the summer over CBS. Another group of the Ford re-runs will replace The Red Skelton Show for the summer, while a third portion of the anthology series re-runs will serve as a replacement for either the George Gobel Show on NBC and/or The Danny Thomas Show on ABC. Foote, Cone & Belding is agency for sponsors of both latter shows and it has not been determined which will have the re-runs. Ford Theatre on ABC also uses reruns of its own films for the summer.

Among other changes in network line-ups: The Spike Jones Show, musical-variety, debuts live from Hollywood over CBS on April 2, Tuesdays, 10:30-11pm EST, sponsored by Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co (I&M Cigarettes) thru Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample. It replaces Do You Trust Your Wife for the sponsor. Co-producers of the Jones show are Tom Waldman and Dick Darley, with Darley also directing and Waldman writing the program.....The Ray Anthony Show will cut back to a half-hour over ABC, Fridays, 10-10:30pm EST, starting April 12. ABC will use the 10:30-11pm spot on that date to test The Rock 'n' Roll Revue, starring Alan Freed as m.c., with an 18-piece band. The show is due to be repeated sometime in May......ABC has had a slight problem with its Air Time '57, which originally only had a 13-week commitment. That's all the nominal sponsor, Air Force Reserve, and star Vaughn Monroe had agreed to. Telephone Time won't be moving into the Thursday, 10-10:30pm spot, until April 11, which would leave a two-week program gap since Monroe checks off after tomorrow (21) night's show. However, since ABC controls the show title, it will keep a modified show rolling as a sustainer in the spot for the two weeks under the same title, Air Time '57.

Richard Linkroum is relinquishing his post as exec producer of NBC's Today and Home shows, to stay with the new Tonight! as regular producer. Norman Frank had been producer of the latter and went on a six-week leave in February, with his return set for earlier this week. Linkroum had been in active control of the Tonight! show during Frank's absence. Now Linkroum will be going on a five-week vacation and Dick Jackson will sub as producer in his absence. The Today and the Home shows will continue under their present producers, with no new exec producer to be named.

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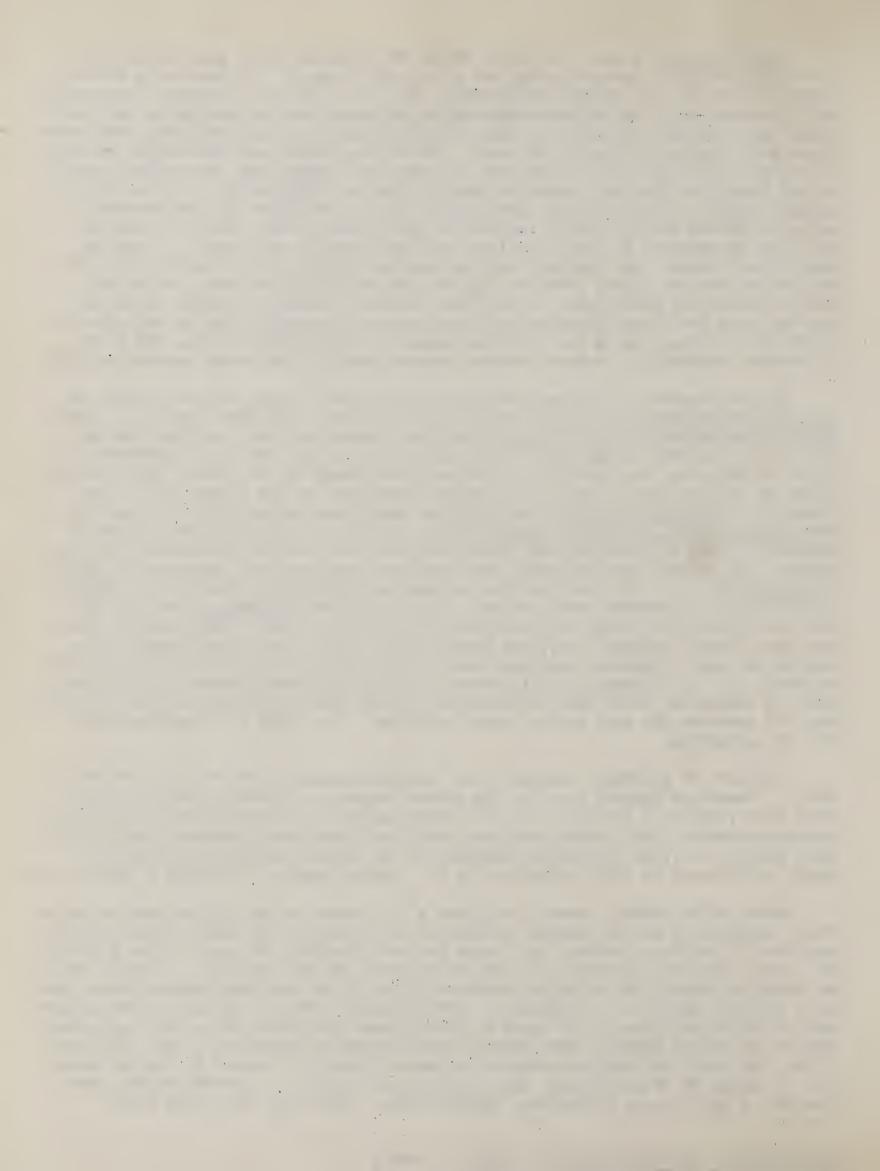


Silent Service, a new film series about the submarine boys, goes quietly into first-run syndicated release during the first week in April. The series is currently being produced by Twin Dolphin Productions, Inc., thru California National Productions, NBC film subsidiary, at California Studios in Hollywood and on location on the West Coast, and is being syndicated by NBC. Thomas M. Dykers is exec producer, with George Cahan producing for California National. The series debuts over WRCA-TV(NY) on April 5, Fridays, 7-7:30pm EST......NBC now confirms that Crisis, the new one-hour drama series slated for the fall, beginning Sept 9, Mondays, 10-11pm NYT, will have 40 programs, with 20 on film and 20 in live color. Ten of the films will be produced by Alfred Hitchcock and 10 will be produced by Revue Productions. The live programs will also be produced by Revue (MCA) and will originate in New York.....ABC and Gary Cooper couldn't get together on a new series to start in the fall of 1957, but CBS didn't have any qualms about waiting for the motion picture star, so CBS and Ashton Productions have signed a three-year contract calling for Cooper to act as host-narrator for a weekly series of action-adventure one-hour films to be presented on the net starting during the 1958 fall season. Ashley-Steiner, Inc., and I. H. Prinzmetal, president of Ashton, handled negotiations for the Cooper production firm.

ABC has renewed its contract with the International Boxing Club to present the Wednesday Night Fights on the net for another two years, effective June 1......Scott Paper Co has renewed Father Knows Best for next season over NBC, carrying the show into its fourth year on the air. It started on CBS in 1954 for Kent Cigarettes on Sunday evenings and was cancelled after its first season in that spot. Scott picked it up and put the show on NBC in its current time spot and has stayed with it ever since...... Captain David Grief, Guild Films' syndicated series, which was re-named Jack London Stories of Captain David Grief by Standard Oil of California in the 12 markets in which it sponsored the series, has now been further re-titled by the same sponsor. To enhance the log appeal the cumbersome name has been shortened to Jack London Stories.....With the addition of Reynolds Metals Co to its list of sponsors (a half-hour on alternate weeks, effective Sept 18), ABC's Disneyland for 1957-58 will have Swift & Co (Derby Foods subsid) thru McCann-Erickson, Inc.; General Foods Corp thru Young & Rubicam, Inc.; and General Mills, Inc., thru Tatham-Laird, Inc., sharing the other alternate week half-hours on the Wednesday evening show......Starting April 11, CBS' Playhouse 90 will have a sponsorship lineup change, with Bristol-Myers Co taking the first hour, alternating with Marlboro Cigarettes in the first halfhour and American Gas Assn in the second half-hour. The third half-hour each week will be sustaining.

AGENCIES AND ACCOUNTS: Schick, Inc., appointed Benton & Bowles, Inc., effective July 1. Warwick & Legler, Inc., is the current agency.....Best Foods, Inc., has named Guild, Bascom & Bonfigli, Inc. for Nucoa margarine, effective April 17. Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, Inc., which continues with other Best Foods products, was the previous agency.....The Prudential Insurance Co. of America has appointed the new Reach, McClinton & Co (NY), effective May 15. Current agency is Calkins & Holden, Inc.

PEOPLE GOING PLACES: Reach, McClinton & Co. formed in New York by Charles Dallas Reach, chairman of the new agency, and Harold L. McClinton, president, until recently president of Calkins & Holden, Inc. Reach has been president of Reach, Yates & Matoon, Inc., which has been dissolved to form the base for the new agency......Martin Weldon has moved to WABC-TV(NY) to become producer-writer of the new John Cameron Swayze news show, debuting April l......Thomas F. Lufkin appointed service manager in the program dept of ABC in Hollywood, with Louis F. Sanman named production supervisor.....Ernest Pintoff and Robert Lawrence have formed Pintoff-Lawrence Productions, Inc., 129 West 52 St., New York, for the production of animated films......Howard F. Magwood named v.p. in charge of TV production, Sound Masters, Inc., (NY)......Norman Foster named director of Walt Disney Productions' Zorro series, slated for ABC in the fall.



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#### THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday (March 27)

NBC- 10:30pm-12:15am EST; SPECIAL - Motion Picture Academy Awards Presentations - LIVE from KRCA-TV(LA) & WRCA-TV(NY), no. of stations indefinite. § Sponsor- Oldsmobile Division, GMC, thru D. P. Brother & Co(Detroit); Acct Exec- Valentine Corradi; Comm Annor- Bob LeMond. § Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences with NBC-TV; Academy Staff: Prod & Dir(LA)- Valentine Davies; Asst to Prod- Joe Parker; Dir(NY)- Robert Emmett Dolan; NBC Staff(LA): Prod- William Kayden; Dir- William Bennington; Asst Dir- Ray Montgomery; NBC Staff(NY): Julian Bercovici; Dir- Max Miller; Asst Dir- Marcia Kuyper; Music Dir(LA)- Johnny Green; Asst Music Dir(LA)- Murray Gerson; Costumes(LA)- Edith Head; Writers-Arthur Phillips, Harry Crane, Herbert Baker; Hal Kanter. § Presentation of the 29th annual awards, the "Oscars," of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, from the Pentages Theatre in Hollywood, with cut-ins from the Century Theatre in New York. Jerry Lewis will be m.c. in Hollywood, with Celeste Holm as m.c. in New York. The program preempts the 11:15pm-12:15am portion of Tonight!

Saturday (March 30)

CBS- 2:30-4:30pm EST; SPECIAL - East-West College All-Star Basketball - LIVE from WCBS-TV(NY), to the net. § Sponsorship open. § Pkgr- CBS TV Sports(NY); Exec Prod & Dir- Judson Bailey. § Bud Palmer describes the play and Chris Schenkel handles the color for the 11th annual East-West basketball classic, with a team of outstanding seniors from eastern schools, coached by Frank McGuire of the U. of North Carolina, playing against a team of western seniors, coached by Doc Hayes of Southern Methodist University.

Sunday (March 31)

CBS- 7:30-8pm EST, Alt Sundays; DEBUT - The Marge & Gower Champion Show - LIVE (debut) or FIIM from KNXT(LA), 159 stations live, 19 kine. § Sponsor-The American Tobacco Co (Hit Parade Cigarettes) thru Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc(NY); Acct Exec- Henry See. § Pkgr- J & M Productions(LA); Prod-Paul Harrison; Dir- Jack Sheldon; Music Dir- Dick Pribor; Writers- Joe Connelly, Bob Mosher. § Story-line situation comedy show with music and dancing, with Jack Whiting as Marge's father and Buddy Rich as Cozy. The program will alternate weekly with the Jack Benny Show, with several programs presented live and several on film before the summer. The Champions replace Private Secretary (last show March 17) in this time spot.

CBS- 8-9:30pm EST; SPECIAL - Cinderella - LIVE (COLOR) from WCBS-TV(NY), 204 stations live, 41 kine. § Co-Sponsors- (Continued on next page)

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Sunday (March 31)

CBS- Cinderella (Continued from previous page): Pepsi-Cola Co thru Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc(NY), producing agency for both sponsors, with commercials on film, and Shulton, Inc thru The Wesley Associates, Inc(NY). § Pkgr- CBS-TV(NY); Prod- Richard Lewine; Prod Coord- Paul Davies; Dir- Ralph Nelson; Music- Richard Rodgers; Book & Lyrics- Oscar Hammerstein II; Orchestration- Robert Russell Bennett; Music Dir- Alfredo Antonini; Art Dirs & Costumes- William and Jean Eckart; Sets- Gene Callahan; Choreog- Jonathan Lucas. § Musical adaptation of the "Cinderella" story, starring Julie Andrews in the title role, with Howard Lindsay, Dorothy Stickney, Edith Adams, Ilka Chase, Kaye Ballard, Alice Ghostley and Jon Cypher. The program preempts The Ed Sullivan Show, 8-9pm EST, and General Electric Theatre, 9-9:30pm, one time only.

#### THIS WEEK -- REGULAR NETWORK SPECIALS

CBS- See It Now (Approx every 4th Sun, 5-6pm NYT) March 31, "Poland 1957," pictorial record of current life in Poland, compiled by CBS News Moscow correspondent Daniel Schorr and See It Now cameraman Leo Rossi.

#### OTHER NETWORK CHANGES & ADDITIONS

- ABC- This Is Galen Drake (Sat, 7-7:30pm EST) Change of format, with Galen Drake now presenting fictional vs. factual facets of various professions. Bernie Leighton continues as musical director, with orch providing musical interludes. Singers Rita Ellis and Stuart Foster have been dropped in the change. Charles W. Christenberry, Jr., is now producer and director.
  - Air Time '57 (Thu, 10-10:30pm EST) Vaughn Monroe ended his role as m.c. on March 21 show, with nominal sponsor Air Force Reserve also ending up with the same program. Show will be sustaining, March 28 and April 4.
- CBS- Racing From Gulf Stream Park; RETURN March 23; Sat, 4:30-5pm EST; remote from Miami, Fla., to the CBS net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- CBS Sports(NY); Prod-Pete Molnar; Dir- Bob Quinlan. § Telecasts of the Gulf Stream Park Handicap (March 23), the Florida Derby (March 30) and other races during the season from Gulf Stream Park, Hallendale, Fla. Bryan Field describes the running of the races, with Jack Cummings (23) or Bob Lee (30) handling the color.
- NBC- Tonight! (Mon thru Fri, 11:15pm-lam EST) Add Mort Lindsay as musical director, effective March 18, in New York.

Jonathan Winters Show (Tue, 7:30-7:45pm EST) Vick Chemical Co ends alternate week sponsorship, effective March 26. Lewis Howe Co (Tums) continues its sponsorship.

Sunday afternoon program schedule changes, effective March 31: 1:30-2pm, Frontiers of Faith (no change); 2-2:30pm, no network service (no change); 2:30-3pm, Watch Mr. Wizard (was 11:30am-12noon, Sat); 3-3:30pm, Youth Wants to Know, alternating with American Forum (was 2:30-3pm); 3:30-4pm, Zoo Parade (no change); 4-5:30pm, Wide Wide World alternating with Washington Square, 4-5pm, and Topper, 5-5:30pm (no changes); 5:30-6pm, Outlook (was 3-3:30pm). All times are EST.

Captain Gallant of the Foreign Legion; new day and time effective March 30, Saturdays, 11:30am-12noon EST. Program had been seen Sundays, 5:30-6pm EST (see previous listing above). Program now replaces Watch Mr. Wizard in the Sat time spot (see previous listing above and page 19).

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Most of the shows on March 22,23,24, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, March 29. Script identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Generally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names of extra actors are available.

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West Point CBS 8pm

Operation Survival; (0) Malvin Wald, Jack Jacobs; with Jan Merlin, Rod McKuen, Clark Howat, Ruth Lee, James Douglas, Mimi Gibson, Pat Morrow, Linda Lowell, Peter Brown, Vance Skarstedt, Gary Laurence; Dir - John English

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PERRY COMO SHOW NBC 8pm KILL: Lana Turner; ADD: Ed Wynn, Benny Goodman Trio, Anna Maria Alberghetti, Andy Williams, Robert Strom.

GEORGE GOBEL SHOW NBC 10pm

Jeff Donnell(A).

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET (Dr. Lyman Bryson)	CBS 10am	The Back Of His Head; (0) Stephen Gethers; with David White, Mary Welch, Robert Pastene, Warren Beaty, Kippy Campbell, Joe Silver; Dir - James MacAllen
LOOK UP & LIVE	CBS 10:30am	Vinchanie (The Wedding); (0) Elliott Baker; with William Shat- ner, Anne Edwards, Vincent Gardinia, Roger De Koven, Gregory Martin, Ruth Yorke, Michael Kane; Dir - Marvin Silbersher.

CAMERA THREE CBS 11:30am

The Brownstone Age; (0) Jack McGiffert; with Barbara Lord, James Congden, Joan Harvey, Mike McGalloney, Nina Wilcox, Ann Meecham, Muriel Bergson, Dick Davidos, Sally Moffett; Dir -Clay Yurdin.

FRONTIERS OF FAITH NBC 1:30pm

The John Knox Story; (0) Helen Kromer; with Charles Webster, Richard Casey. Gene Gross, Robert Dietz, Leon Janney, Henderson Forsythe, Dennis Patrick; Dir - Martin Hoade.

ODYSSEY CBS 4pm

Farrebique; (0) Arthur Knight; FILM: Concerning French farm family's hopes & hardships.

Escape; (0) Norman Lessing; with Osa Massen, Hugo Hass.

RAY BOLGERS WASHINGTON SQUARE NBC 4pm

CBS 6pm

DELETE: Stubby Kaye, Jim Backus.

Telephone Time (John Nesbitt)

77th Bengal Lancers NBC 7pm KILL: Ten Thousand Rupees; ADD: The Glass Necklace.

ED SULLIVAN SHOW CBS 8pm ADD: Davis & Reese(C), Billy Fellows(impress), Miss Mara(aerial).

STEVE ALLEN SHOW NBC 8pm ADD: (Coming from West Coast); Lou Costello.

OMNIBUS. ABC 9pm (Alistair Cooke)

The Trial of Lizzie Borden; (0) Joseph Hurley; with Katharine Bard, Robert Preston, Richard Kiley, Margaret Hamilton, Ann Dere, Louis Van Rooten, Russell Collins, Charles Aidman, Kathrine Ross, Constance Wilson, Dortha Duckworth; Dir - Richard Dunlap; Ballet: Fall River Legend; (0) Agnes De Mille; with Nora Kaye, Ruth Ann Koesun, Lucia Chase, Dimitri Romanoff, Diana Adams, John Kriza; Music by Morton Gould; Dir - Charles Dubin.

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Wire Service (Dane Clark)	ABC 7:30pm	A Matter Of Conscience; (0) Stephen Thornley; with Mr. Clark, Oliver McGowan, Alberto Morin, Stuart Randall; Dir - H. Schuster.
VOICE OF FIRESTONE	ABC 8:30pm	Barbara Gibson.
Talent Scouts	CBS 8:30pm	(Video-Tape); Gloria Weston(S), Jimmy Demopoulos(S), The Gondoliers(S-M).
Tales Of Wells Fargo (Dale Robertson)	ивс 8:30рф	The Hasty Gun; (0) Dwight Newton; with Mr. Robertson, Leo Gordon, John Merrick, Rusty Lane; Dir - Leslie Martinson.
I Love Lucy	CBS 9pm	with regulars & Louis Nicoletti, Joseph Kearns, Jody Warner, Doris Packer, Gladys Hurlbut, John Eldredge, Paul Powers; (SW&SD).
TOP TUNES & NEW TALENT(Lawrence W	ABC 9:30pm	Roby Ann Story(M), Ralph Sanford(S), The Schmitt Bros.(S), Peter Fountain(M).
ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS	NBC 9:30pm	One Minute To Ditch; (0) Cornelius Ryan; (A) James Benjamin; with Charles Cooper, Frank Maxwell, Gale Page, Don Briggs, Reedy Talton, Paul Maxursky, Marc May, Elva Meehan, Aneta Corsaut; Dir - Perry Lafferty.
STUDIO ONE	CBS 10pm	A Member Of The Femily; (0) Horton Foote; with Hume Cronyn, Paul Tripp, James Broderick, Frances Reid, Estelle Ritchie, Francesca Bruning, Roland Wood; Dir - Robert Mulligan.
	TUE SDA	Y MARCH 26
Cheyenne (Clint Walker)	ABC 7:30pm	Born Bad; (0) Harry Sinclair Drago; (A) Wells Root; with Mr. Walker, Wright King, Jil Jarmyn, Robert F. Simon, Nestor Paiva, Lane Bradford, Tom Moore; Dir - Richard L. Bare.
JON ATHAN WINTERS SHOW	NBC 7:30pm	Andy Williams(S).
Phil Silvers Show	CBS 8pm	Bilko Gres South; with regulars & Tina Louise, Nelson Olmsted, John Boroff, Charles Purcell, John Griggs, Jay Barney, Bob Lieb, Rob Lehrman, John Graham, Ann Buckles, Mara McAfee; (SW&SD).
Panic!	NBC 8:30pm	The Subway; with Eduard Franz, John Doucette, Barbara Billings- ley, Frank Richards, Anthony Warde; (SW&SD).
Broken Arrow	ABC 9pm	with regulars & Richard Shannon, Hugh Sanders, Dick Rich, Charles Courtney; (SW&SD).
Jane Wyman Show	NBC 9pm	Re-run: The House On Elm Street.
DuPont Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	The Widow Was Willing; (0) Merle Constiner; (A) Dane Lussier; With Robert Sterling, Anne Jeffreys, Jean Innes, Paul Keast, Dee Carroll.
RED SKELTON SHOW	CBS 9:30pm	Chester Morris(A), Veda Ann Borg(A), Robert Armstrong(A).
KAISER ALUMINUM HOUR	NBC 9:30pm	Hollywood Award Winner; (0) Richard Berg; with Ralph Bellamy, Lee Phillips, Jacqueline Scott, Alexander Scourby, Heywood Hale Broun, James Bender, William Dwyer, Stanja Lowe, Doreen McClean; Dir - Paul Bogart.
IT'S POLKA TIME	ABC 10pm	The Norwegian Folk Dancers of Stoughton, Wis.
	WE DN E	SDAY MARCH 27
VIC DAMONE SHOW	CBS 8pm	Doretta Morrow(S), Roger Williams(M), Bob Keeshan(Capt. Kan-garoo), Arnold Stang(C).
Navy Log	ABC 8:30pm	USS Enrico Tazzoli; with Paul Richards, Edward Kemmer, Bing Russell, Peter Walker.
Father Knows Best (Robert Young)	NBC 8:30pm	Bud, The Hero; with regulars & Nancy Marshall, Robert Lynn, Janet Parker; (SW&SD).
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Millionaire (Marvin Miller)	CBS 9pm	The Story of Rose Russell; (0) Jerry Adelman; with Jane Nigh, Carl Betz, Robert Foulk, Robert Cabal; (SD).		
KRAFT THEATRE	NBC 9:30pm	Sheriff's Man; (0) Bob Van Scoyk; with Paul Hartman, Mark Richman, Judith Braun, Fred Gwynne, Nancy Marchand, Laureen Tindall; Dir - Marc Daniels.		
Ford Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	House Of Glass; (0) DeWitt Bodeen; with Joan Caulfield, Lyle Bettger, Marie Windsor, Judson Pratt, George Selk; Dir - James Neilson.		
US STEEL HOUR	CBS 10pm	Hidden Fury; (0) George Bellak; with James Gregory, Donald Madden, Peggy Fury, Frank Campanella, Russell Hardie, Alice Frost, Mae Monroe; Dir - Elliott Silverstein.		
OSCAR AWARDS	NBC 10:30pm	(Coming from New York & Hollywood) (0) Arthur Phillips, Harry Crane, Herbert Baker, Hal Kantor; MC - Jerry Lewis; Participants: The Four Aces, Gogi Grant, Dorothy Dandridge, Bing Crosby, Tommy Sands; Dir - William Eennington.		
	THURSDAY MARCH 28			
CIRCUS TIME	ABC 8pm	Mata & Hari(satire).		
CLIMAX! (Bill Lundigan)	CBS 8:30pm	Strange Sanctuary; (0) Ellis Kadison; with Michael Rennie, Ceasar Romero, Rita Moreno, Osa Massen, Noah Beery, Jr.; Dir - Buzz Kulik.		
PLAYHOUSE 90	CBS 9:30pm	Charley's Aunt; (0) Brandon Thomas; (A) Leslie Stevens; with Art Carney, Orson Bean, Melville Cooper, Sue Randall, Tom Tryon, Venetia Stevenson, Jackie Coogan, Jeannette MacDonald, Gene Raymond; Dir - Arthur Penn.		
THE FORD SHOW	NBC 9:30pm	Jo Stafford		
LUX VIDEO THEATRE (Gordon MacRae)	NBC 10pm	Black Angel; (0) Cornell Woolrich; (A) Stanley Silverman; with John Ireland, Anne Bancroft; Dir - Norman Morgan.		
		MARCH 29		
Adventures Of Rin- Tin-Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:30pm	The Silent Witness; (SW) Jennings Cobb; with regulars & Stanley Andrews, Harry Strang, Roy Erwin; (SD) Lew Landers.		

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West Point	CBS 8pm	Dangerous Area; with Bob Eeneveds, Clark Howat, Joby Baker, Joey Forman, Gail Land, Larry Thor, Michael Emmett, Gary Vinson, Daria Ramsey, Howard Ledig, Eddie Coch, Art Stewart; Dir-John English.
Crossroads	ABC 8:30pm	Paratroop Padre; (0) Tom Reed; with Donald Woods, Richard Jaeckel, Charles McGraw, Adam Kennedy, Carl Ward, Lester Hoyle; Dir - Jus Addiss.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	Lariat; with Jack Palance, Addison Richards, Constance Ford.
Schlitz Playhouse	CBS 9:30pm	The Restless Gun; (0) Les Crutchfield; (A) N.B. Stone; with John Payne, William Hopper, Andy Duggan, Joyce Smight, Michael Landon, Robert Crosson, Ray Walker, James Nolan; Dir - Robert Florey.
BIG STORY (Ben Grauer)	NBC 9:30pm	Charles Wigle, Reporter; Denver(Colorado) Post; (A) Douglas Taylor; with Charles Aidman, Dennis Kohler, Adrianne Mardin, Bert Brinkerhoff, Phyllis Newman, Dana Elkan, Carl Lowe, Sam Gray.
RAY ANTHONY SHOW	ABC 10pm	Johnny Desmond.

GOOD MORNING CBS 7am 3/25 - Frank Fontaine(C); 3/27 - Eileen Barton; 3/28 - Gypsy (Will Rogers, Jr.) Rose Lee; 3/29 - The Duke Of Iron(S).

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GARRY MOORE SHOW	CBS 10am	3/27 - Bob Lewis(C); 3/29 - Martha Davis & Spouse(M), The Amazing Mr. Ballantine(C).
CLUB 60	NBC 1:30pm ·	3/25 - Professor Backwards(C); 3/26 - Joanne Miller(S); 3/27 - Jo Mapes(S); 3/28 - Estelle Sloane(D), Milbourne Christopher(magic); 3/29 - Morey Amsterdam(C).
NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC 3pm	3/25 - The Ways Of Courage; (0) Will Lorin; 3/26 - Journey Into Darkness; (0) Selwyn James; (A) Theodore Apstein; 3/27-Barricade On The Big Black; (0) Terrence Kilpatrick; (A) Anthony Spinner; 3/28 - The Vicarious Years; (0) John Van Druten; (A) Peggy Lamson; 3/29 - The First Year; (0) Frank Craven,
MODERN ROMANCES	NBC 4:45pm	The Real Thing; (0) William Barrett; with Geraldine Brooks, Shirley Grayson, Lawrence Weber, Tom Gorman.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC 11:15pm	3/25 - Xavier Cugat & Abbe Lane; 3/27 - Geoffrey Holder(S).
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TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC 12N	The Return; (0) Earl Hamner; with Lori March, Lenka Peterson, Jan Miner, Richard Carlyle.
JACKIE GLEASON SHOW	CBS 8pm	Hugh O'Brian(A), Emmett Kelly(clown), Felix Adler(clown), Happy Kellems(clown), June Taylor Dancers, Unus(balan), The Three Milos(unicycle).
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC 8pm	Julius LaRosa(S), Rowen & Martin(C).
OZARK JUBILEE	ABC 10pm	Brenda Lee(S), Bob Wills(M).
GEORGE GOBEL SHOW	NBC 10pm	Mary McCarty(C).
	SUNDA	Y MARCH 31
LAMP UNTO MY FEET	CBS 10am	Faust; (0)Goethe; with John Aronson, Gordon Keyes, Wayne Tippit(D); Dir - James MacAllen.
ODYSSEY	CBS 4pm	Pickett's Charge: FILM: (0) John McDermott; Concerning the Battle of Gettysburg.
MARGE & GOWER CHAMPION SHOW	CBS 7:30pm	PREMIERE: with Jack Whiting, Jack Benny; (0) Joe Connelly, Bob Mosher; Dir - Jack Sheldon.
SUNDAY SPECTACULAR	CBS 8pm	Cinderella; (0) Richard Rogers & Oscar Hammerstein; with Julie Andrews, Jon Cypher, Edith Adams, Howard Lindsay, Dorothy Stickney, Ilka Chase, Kaye Ballard, Alice Ghostley; Dir - Ralph Nelson; Costumes & Sets - William & Jean Eckart; Choreo - Jonathan Lucas; Conductor - Alfredo Antonini.
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 8pm	Tennessee Ernie Ford, Peggy Lee, The Collins Kids(S-M); Coming from the West Coast.
ALCOA HOUR	NBC 9pm	The Big Build-Up; (0) Roger Hirson; with E.G. Marshall, Jason Robards, Jr., Robert Simon, George Peppard, Diane Gentner; Dir - Paul Stanley.
Alfred Hitchcock Presnets	NBC 9:30pm	I Killed The Count; (0) Alec Coppel; (A) Francis Cockrell; Part 3 - with John Williams, Charles Davis, John Hoyt, Alan Napier, Charles Cooper, Froy Kendrick, A.E. Gould-Porter, Pat Hitchcock; Dir - Robert Stevens.
Loretta Young Show	NBC 10pm	The Room Next Door; (0) Lucy Goodrich & Richard Morris; (A) Richard Morris; with Miss Young, Richard Garland, Jesslyn Fax; Dir - Richard Morris.

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#### NEWS - COMMENT - POSSIBILITIES

The TV programming "turmoil," the usual seasonal ulcer period (with those final option times coming up), is compounded by a succession of deliberate sounding-board leaks, trade rumors started by the opposition, and nervous agency and network people who frown at the wrong time. Witness, two examples: 1) The Big Surprise; supposedly cancelled by the sponsors; no, it's been renewed by one, but not by the other; no, both sponsors have now cancelled the show. 2) The Joseph Cotten Show - On Trial; it's been cancelled; no, it has not, since option renewal time is May 1 and improved ratings give renewed optimism. (In the case of the latter, the change in title to get Joseph Cotten's name into the newspaper logs materially increased the viewing audience. Proof is that although he had originally been set to star as an actor in only ten of the films which have been completed, he will now star in three more films being prepared for this season's series. Cotten is host and narrator for all films.) .....The other side of the coin in considering program upheavals in getting set for fall schedules is that some packagers and producers have miscalculated in leaking info on new sales to trade publications, since not all tentative agreements become production contracts and a smile in Hollywood can be a frown in New York. There are more high class pilots involving major names with standard clicke story lines being proposed today than this time a year ago. Although some of the big, expensive packages being proposed by the nets seem to be grabbed up as soon as they are offered there are also plenty of "medium" bankrollers whose agencies are still shopping for low-priced quality packages -- \$30,000-35,000 half-hour films series instead of the \$40,000-50,000 beauties that will never get off the ground. While it's pretty tough to have quality in the low price range these days, if you start with your budget at the low level you have room for an acceptable increase, whereas the high level stuff gets out of sight, with the agency and the sponsor screaming bloody murder.

NTA's newly announced George Jessel's Music Hall, a 39-film half-hour series to be produced by Jessel, will get much of its material from NTA's extensive library of short subjects. Jessel will recall the golden days of show business and then present films of famous variety and musical acts doing their turns. These will be films that are currently in NTA's library as part of its "Jest for Laughs", "Show Business," and "Change of Pace" packages, among others. The films are mainly eight to ten minutes long as currently offered......ABC has detoured its Rock 'n' Roll Revue with Alan Freed, originally scheduled for an April 12 airing, and instead will present it on Saturday, May 4, 7:30-8pm EDT, as a one-timer.....ABC will present a three-week live music series on Sunday evenings to take up part of the slack after Omnibus departs on March 31 and the new Mike Wallace series debuts on April 28. The Sunday, 10-10:30pm spot will have Milton Cross as host of All About Music, with calypso on April 7, country music on April 14 and jazz on April 21. Ed Nugent will produce, with Bernard Dougall as writer and Jack Sameth directing.

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An adult Western, according to one producer, is a film series that can be sold in prime evening time for its network showings, but still has enough blood and thunder for the kids when it goes into syndication ..... The new Studio One system of using two different production units to bring in its live productions (Herbert Brodkin and Gordon Duff) has now spread to Climax!, with Ralph Nelson named to alternate as producer with incumbent Edgar Petersen. Each producer will handle a group of seven consecutive properties. Peterson has currently scheduled properties thru June 27 and no date has been announced for Nelson's first productions, although his new post starts officially on April 1...... Despite the inroads of film series, live drama programs continue to make the majority of notices in critical columns. Trade reviewers and highlight listings do full justice to the half-hour and hour films, but when it comes to the extended critical reviews, live programs win the nod. The intense, "theatrical" feeling engendered in live performances attracts the critics. The reviews have a delayed action with far-reaching influence beyond mere sponsor notice. Does any one believe that some of the winners of "Emmy" and other awards ever would have been considered if it weren't for the rave critical notices some of them received in newspapers the day after performances? Of course, awards may not keep programs on the air, but they certainly raise talent fees.

Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. is moving Rod MacLeish out his Boston station news post to Washington, to head the new WBC Washington news bureau. MacLeish will act as national correspondent for WBC radio and television stations (WBZ-TV, Boston; KDKA-TV, Pittsburgh; KYW-TV, Cleveland, and KPIX, San Francisco). The new bureau starts operations April 1.....NBC's Project 20 has two new one-hour film archive projects in the works for next fall viewing, both emphasizing America's recent past. One will be "The Innocent Years" (1900-1914) and the other, "Back in the Thirties" (1929-1939). Henry Salomon, head of Project 20, will produce both and will write the scripts in association with Richard Hanser. Robert Russell Bennett will compose orchestral scores based on popular songs of the times, and Alexander Scourby will be the narrator.

AGENCIES AND ACCOUNTS: Procter & Gamble Co named Grey Advertising Agency, Inc (NY) to handle its Pin-It home permanent, formerly handled by Benton & Bowles, Inc. Both agencies handle several P & G products.

PEOPLE GOING PLACES: Al Hollander appointed program director of WABC-TV(NY), succeeding George Rice who has transferred to KGO-TV(San Fran) another ABC-owned station. Hollander has been mgr of radio-TV with Edward Kletter Associates, Inc(NY)... .... Robert Adams joined ABC-TV as exec producer for the Hollywood program dept, responsible for the development of new live and film properties...... MBC-TV program dept made the following promotions and appointments for its nighttime programs: John N. Calley, former general program executive, named manager, program services. Alvin Cooperman, Perry Cross and Joseph Cunneff named directors for TV net nighttime programs, each responsible for program administration for specific nights of the week; Cooperman for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; Cross for Saturday and Sunday, and Cunneff for Monday and Tuesday. Each was formerly a program supervisor. In daytime programming, the following appointments were made: Carl Lindemann, Jr., named director, daytime programs for the TV net. William V. Sargent appointed director, Today-Home-Tonight programs. General programming appointments include: William Hammerstein, formerly a producer, named director, program submissions. Ross Donaldson, formerly manager of writing services, named manager of program submissions. David W. Tebet, formerly a general program executive, named manager, special programs.



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WEEKLY REPORT-

THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

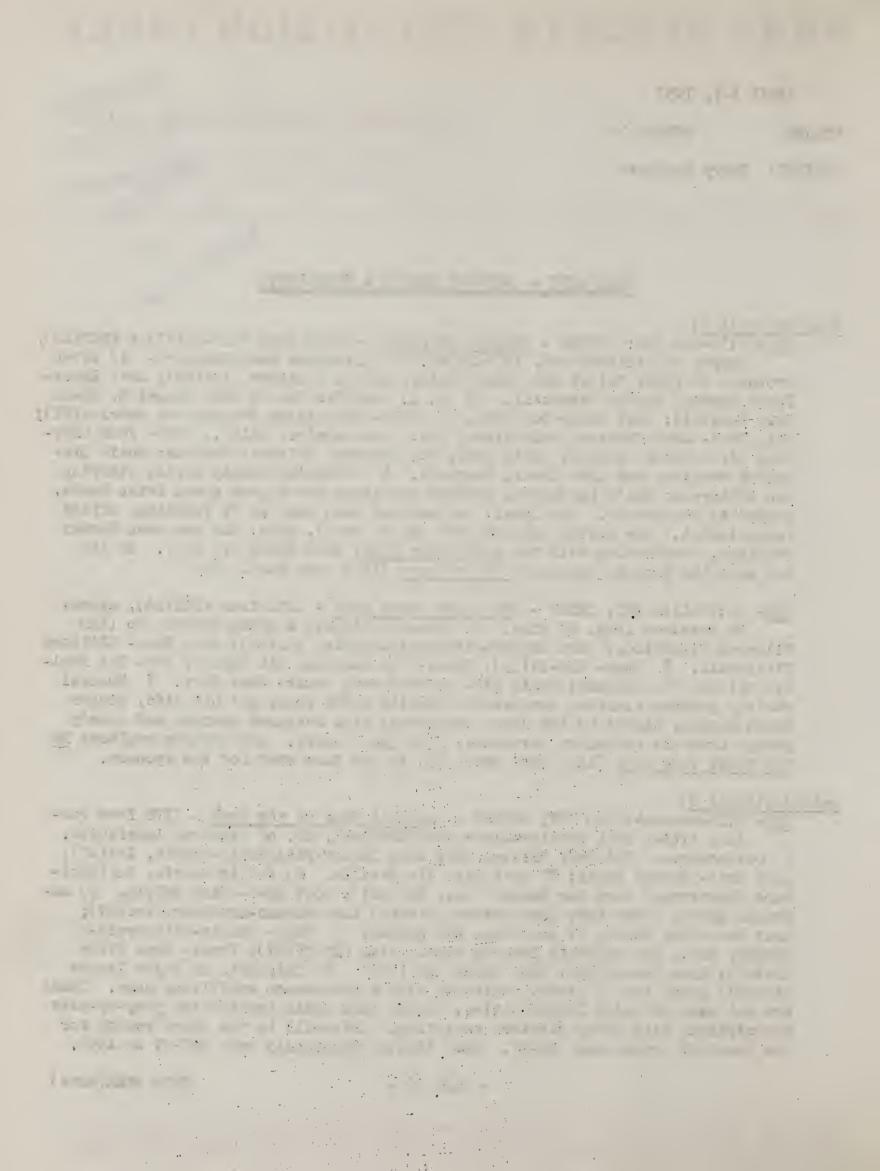
Tuesday(April 2) CBS-8:30-9pm EST; RETURN - Private Secretary - FIIM from WCBS-TV(NY) & KNXT(LA), approx 72 stations net, 15 delayed. § Alternate Week Sponsors- 1) Lever Brothers Co (Dove Toilet Bar) thru Ogilvy, Benson & Mather, Inc(NY); Acct Execs-James Heekin, Norman Peterzell. 2) W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co thru Russel M. Seeds Co., Inc(Chi); Acct Exec- Don Reed. § Pkgr- Television Programs of America(NY); Film Prod- Jack Chertok Productions, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.; Prod- Jack Chertok; Dirs-Oscar Rudolph, Chris Nyby, Rod Amateau; Writers-Various; Music Dir-Mahlon Merrick; Art Dir- Howard Campbell. § Situation comedy series starring Ann Sothern as Susie MacNamara, private secretary for talent agent Peter Sands, played by Don Porter. Ann Tyrell is featured each week as Vi Praskins, office receptionist. The series debuted over CBS on Feb 1, 1953, and was seen Sunday evenings, alternating with the Jack Benny Show, thru March 17, 1957. In its new spot the program replaces The Brothers (last show March 26).

CBS- 10:30-11pm EST; DEBUT - The Spike Jones Show - LIVE from KNXT(LA), approx 84 stations live, 43 kine. § Sponsor-Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co (L&M Filtered Sigarettes) thru Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, Inc(NY); Acct Exec- Clifford Fitzgerald. § Pkgr- CBS-TV(LA); Prods- Tom Waldman, Dik Darley; Dir- Dik Darley; Writer- Tom Waldman; Music Dir- Spike Jones; Annor- Jack Narz. § Musical variety program starring bandleader-comedian Spike Jones and his wife, singer Helen Grayco, backed by the Jones orchestra; with featured musical and comedy groups from the orchestra personnel; with guest stars. The program replaces Do You Trust Your Wife (last show March 26) in the time spot for the sponsor.

Saturday (April 6) CBS- 2:25-approx4:30pm EST; RETURN - Baseball Game of the Week - LIVE from various cities each week (premiere from Houston), no. of stations indefinite. § Co-Sponsors- Falstaff Brewing Corp thru Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, Inc(NY); Acct Exec - Edmund Burke; TV Acct Rep - Jim Neville. 2) Philip Morris, Inc (Marlboro Cigarettes) thru Ieo Burnett Co., Inc(Chi); Acct Exec- Dick Halpin. 3) American Safety Razor Corp (Gem Razors, Blades) thru McCann-Erickson, Inc(NY); Acct Exec- Bob David; TV Acct Rep- Hal Graham. § Pkgr- Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, Inc., for Falstaff Brewing Corp., with CBS-TV(NY); Prods-Gene Kirby (D-F-S), Hugh Beach (CBS); Dir-Byron Paul (CBS). § Telecasts of major league baseball games for 26 weeks, beginning with a pre-season exhibition game. Games are not seen in major league cities. Dizzy Dean again handles the play-by-play description, with Buddy Blattner assisting. This will be the third season for the baseball games over CBS-TV. They debuted originally over ABC-TV in 1953.

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Saturday(April 6)

MBC- 2:30-approx 4:30pm EST; DEBUT - Major League Baseball - LIVE from various cities each week(premiere from Dallas), no. of stations indefinite. § Sponsor- (one-quarter, other periods open) R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co (Camel Cigarettes) thru William Esty Co., Inc(NY); Acct Exec- James Houlahan. § Pkgr-NBC-TV(NY); Prod- Perry Smith; Dir- Harry Coyle. § Telecasts of major league baseball games for 26 weeks during the season, beginning with a pre-season exhibition game. The games will not be telecast in areas of major league cities. Lindsey Nelson and Jim Woods will share announcing the play-by-play, with Leo Durocher handling special commentary. The baseball telecasts replace the National Basketball Association pro game telecasts (last show March 30).

Sunday (April 7)

ABC- 7:30-9pm EST; DEBUT - Hollywood Film Theatre - FILM from WABC-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining (open for segment sponsors only; no participation). § Pkgr & Prod- ABC-TV(NY). § Twenty-six week program series, featuring movies purchased from RKO. The program replaces Ted Mach and the Original Amateur Hour, 7:30-8:30pm EST, which moves to 9-10pm EST, effective this date, and Open Hearing, 8:30-9pm EST (last show March 31). The Amateur Hour moves into the time spot vacated by Omnibus, 9-10:30pm EST (last show March 31). See next listing.

ABC- 10-10:30pm EST; DEBUT - All About Music - LIVE from WABC-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- ABC-TV(NY); Prod- Ed Nugent; Dir- Jack Sameth; Writer- Bernard Dougall. § Special three-week music series, spotlighting calypso, country music and jazz. Milton Cross is the host for the three programs. The program replaces the third half-hour of Omnibus (see above).

CTPN- 9-llam PST; SPECIAL - Mormon Church Conference - LIVE from Salt Lake City, remote, to the Columbia TV Pacific Network. § Sustaining, public service. § Telecast of the semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

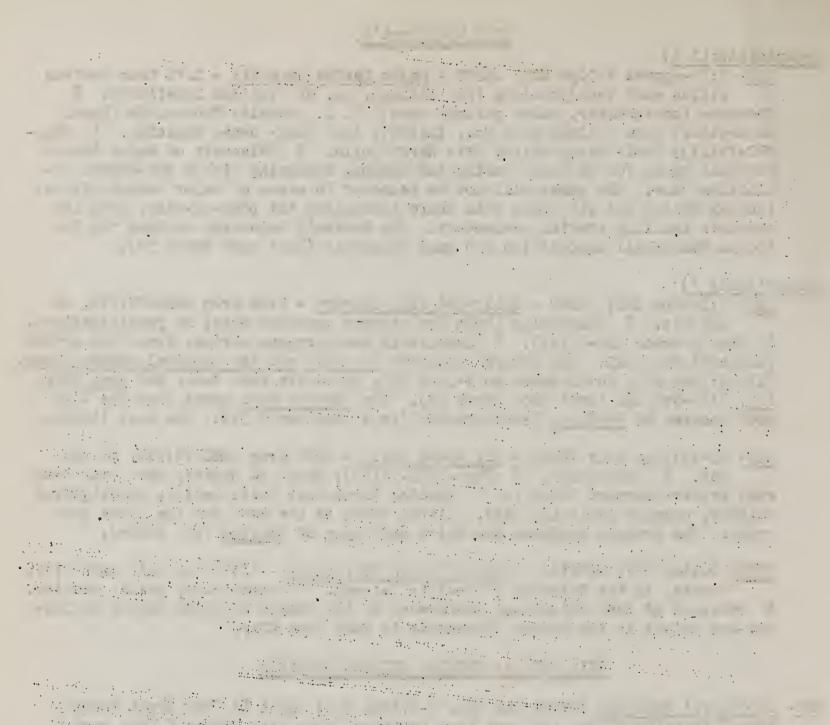
#### THIS WEEK -- REGULAR NETWORK SPECIALS

NBC- Producers' Showcase (Every 4th Mon, 8-9:30pm EST) April 1; "The Great Sebastians," starring Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, with Akim Tamiroff (See page B for other cast credits); Exec Prod- Mort Abrahams; Dir- Franklin Schaffner; Assoc Prod- Leo Davis; Sets- Trew Hocker; Music Dir- George Bassman; Costumes for Lunt & Fontanne- Main Bocher; Other Costumes, Scenic Design- Raymond Sovey; LIVE (COLOR) from WRCA-TV(NY).

#### OTHER NETWORK CHANGES & ADDITIONS

CBS- The Master's Golf Tournament; SPECIAL April 5, Fri, 5-5:30pm EST; April 6, Sat, 5-6pm EST; April 7, Sun, 5-6pm EST; LIVE from WRDW-TV(Augusta, Ga.), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- CBS-TV Sports Dept(NY); Prod & Dir- Judson Bailey. § Special pickups of the 4-day special golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club, with Bud Palmer and Jim McKay describing the action.

Sunday afternoon program schedule changes, effective April 7: 3:30-4pm, The Last Word (was 2:30-3pm); 4-4:30pm, Face the Nation (was 3-3:30pm); 4:30-5pm, World News Roundup, (was 3:30-4pm). Odyssey, currently 4-5pm, will be seen 5-6pm, starting April 14, with the April 7 program preempted by the Master's Golf Tournament. Mama, 5-5:30pm EST, and The Boing-Boing Show, 5:30-6pm EST, went off after their March 24 broadcasts.



## TALENT SHOWSHEET MARCH 29 - APRIL 7

Most of the shows on March 29,30,31, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, April 5. Script identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Generally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names of extra actors are available.

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PLAYHOUSE 90 CBS 9:30pm ADD: Charley's Aunt; Ralph Brewster Singers, (Ralph Brewster, Bob Stevens, Gene Lanham, Chuck Schrouder, Clark Yokum, Bill Thompson, Vince Degen, Lee Gotch).

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PERRY COMO SHOW NBC 6pm ADD: Hedy Lamarr(A).

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CORRECT: Wayne Tippit(A), not (D). CBS 10am LAMP UNTO MY FEET (Dr. Lyman Bryson) The Suffering Servant; (0) George Kirgo; with Michael Kane, CBS 10:30am LOOK UP & LIVE Norman Rose; Dir - Marvin Silbersher. A Philosophy For April; (0) Jack McGiffert; (Based on the CBS 11:30am CAMERA THREE poetry of E.E. Cummings); with Eleanor Ayre, James Broderick, Ralph Bunker, Tom Posten, Bill Schatner, Frances Sternhagen; Dir - Clay Yurdin. Castle Dangerous; (0) David Evans; with Susan Luckey; Dir -CBS 6pm Telephone Time Erle C. Kenton. (John Nesbitt) ADD: Dan Dailey(D-A), Buddy Rich(M), Peg La Centra. CBS 7:30pm MARGE & GOWER CHAMPION SHOW The Lady & The Circus; with regulars & Frances Robinson, Paul NBC 7:30pm Circus Boy Keast, Jack W. Harris, Thomas B. Henry; (SW&SD). Cinderella; ADD: Robert Penn, Alec Clarke, Iggie Wolfington, George Hall, David F. Perkins, Eleanor Phelps, Kathy Kelly. SUNDAY SPECTACULAR CBS 8pm The Music of Johann Sebastian Bach; with Leonard Bernstein ABC 9pm OMNIBUS

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Wire Service ABC 7:30pm Misfire; (0) Daniel Mainwaring; (A) Wilton Schiller, Daniel Mainwaring; with Mr. Brent, Roy Roberts, Don Kelly, Rebecca Welles, James Anderson; Dir - Tom Gries.

The St. Thomas Choir Boys, Gloria Lane(S), Saramae Endich(S), Kenneth Smith(S), Russell Oberlin(S); Dir - Charles Dubin.

The Big Build-Up; ADD: Mickey & Sylvia(M).

Sheriff Of Cochise WABD 7:30pm with Whit Bissell, Peter Brocco; (SW&SD).

LAST SHOW

Adventures of Robin CBS 7:30pm The York Treasure; with regulars & Karl Stepanek, Helena de Crespo, Allan Cuthbertson; (SW&SD).

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## MONDAY APRIL 1 (Cont'd)

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PRODUCERS' SHOWCASE	NBC 8pm	The Great Sebastians; (0&A) Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse; with Alfred Lunt, Lynn Fontanne, Akim Tamiroff, Lisa Ferraday, Simon Oakland, Arny Freeman, Stefan Schnabel, Eugenia Rawls, Boris Tumarin, Anne Francine, Alan Furlan, Rebecca Sand, Pete Gumeny, Martin Brandt; Dir - Franklin Schaffner; Music Dir - George Bassman; Sets - Trew Hocker; Costumes - Main Bocher & Raymond Sovey.
VOICE OF FIRESTONE	ABC 8:30pm	Cesare Siepi.
TALENT SCOUTS	CBS 8:30pm	Jane Ford(S), Tommy Fertado(S), Paul Jouarde(M).
TOP TUNES & NEW TALENT(Lawrence Welk)	ABC 9:30pm	Pat Suzuki(S), Vic Hyde(M), Charles Darvo(S).
December Bride (Spring Byington)	CBS 9:30pm	The Englishman; with regulars & Paul Cavanaugh, Lewis Martin; (SW&SD).
ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS	NBC 9:30pm	A Slice of Life; (0) J. Harvey Howell; with Ruth McDevitt, J. Pat O'Malley, James Pritchett, Peggy McCay, William Traylor, John Buckwalter, Stewart McIntosh, Woodrow Parfery, Arnold Walton; Dir - Jim Beach.
STUDIO ONE	CBS 10pm	The Years In Between; (0) Will Schneider & Herman Goldberg; with John Kerr, Phyllis Love; Dir - Mel Ferber.
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Conflict	ABC 7:30pm	A Question of Loyalty; (0) Walter Doniger & Howard Browne; with Dennis Hopper, Gerald Mohr, Pat McVey, Paul Richards, Judi Boutin; Dir - Walter Doniger.
JONATHAN WINTERS SHOW	NBC 7:30pm	Jill Corey(S).
Phil Silvers Show	CBS 8pm	Around the World in 80 Hours; with regulars & Mike Todd, Tomi Romer, John Studer, Robert Hastings; (SW&SD).
Wyatt Earp (Hugh O'Brian)	ABC 8:30pm	The Nice Ones Die First; with regulars & Brad Johnson; (SW&SD)
Private Secretary (Ann Sothern)	CBS 8:30pm	RETURN: NEW DATE, NEW TIME: with regulars & Jacques Bergerac; (SW&SD).
Panic!	NBC 8:30pm	The Embezzler; with Whit Bissell, Russell Hicks, Ted De Cor-
Broken Arrow (John Lupton)	ABC 9pm	Fathers And Sons; with regulars & Nico Minardos; (SW&SD).
Jane Wyman Show	NBC 9pm	Assignment Champ; Re-run.
DuPont Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	The Last Signer; (0) Frederic Brady; with Vladimir Sokoloff, Kevin McCarthy, Lisa Montell, Barbara Woodell, Otto Waldis.
RED SKELTON SHOW	CBS 9:30pm	Arnold Stang(C), Jackie Coogan(A).
ARMSTRONG CIRCLE THEATRE	NBC 9:30pm	Arson; File #732; (0) Jerome Coopersmith; with John Kellog, Carl Low, Barbara Waide, William Zuckert, George L. Smith, Frank Maxwell, Warren Berlinger, James Congdon, Gordon Barnes, Faye Sappington, Henry Lascoe; Dir - William Corrigan.
IT'S POLKA TIME	ABC 10pm	The Neringa Lithuanian Folk Dancers
SPIKE JONES SHOW	CBS 10:30pm	PREMIERE: with Spike Jones & Orchestra, Helen Grayco(S), (Regulars); & guest Gordon MacRae(S); (0) Tom Waldman; Dir-Dik Darley.
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Father Knows Fest (Robert Young)	NBC 8:30pm	Betty, Track Star; with regulars & Tamar Cooper, Finton Meyler; (SW&SD).
KRAFT THEATRE	NBC 9pm	The Medallion; (0) Gitta Sereny; (A) Dale Wasserman; with Kevin McCarthy, Leora Dana, Christopher Snell, Lorne Greene, David J. Steward, Robert Arden; Dir - Frank Pacelli.
Millionaire (Marvin Miller)	CBS 9pm	The Story of Dr. Alan March; with Tom Drake, Allison Hayes, Walter Baldwin, Morgan Jones, Dorothy Morris; (SD).
Ford Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	Exclusive; (0) Gerry Day; with Phyllis Kirk, Everett Sloane, Osa Massen, Richard Webb, Francis De Sales; Dir - Oscar Randolph.
20th Century-Fox Hour	CBS 10pm	The Still Trumpet; (0) Frank S. Nugent, Curtis Kenyon; (A) Curtis Kenyon; with Dale Robertson, Victor Jory, Carol Ohmart, Regis Toomey, Grandon Rhodes, Douglas Dick, Patrick McVey, James Griffith, Ed Kemmer, Dan Riss; Dir - Lewis Allen.

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Sgt. Preston (Richard Simmons)	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Frank Richards, Jug Jackson, Grant Richards, Rickey Murray; (SW&SD).
CIRCUS TIME -	ABC 8pm	Betty Ann Grove(S). Roger Ray(C), Nanci Crompton(D).
Bob Cummings Show	CBS 8pm	with regulars & Hans Conried, Kathleen Freeman; (SW&SD).
CLIMAX! (Bill Lundigan)	CBS 8:30pm	Don't Touch Me; (0) Jerome Gruskin; with Shelley Winters, Warren Stevens, Mildred Dunnock, Henry Silva; Dir - Robert Stevens.
Danny Thomas Show	ABC 9pm	Danny Meets Kathy; with regulars & Marjorie Lord; (SW&SD).
The People's Choice (Jackie Cooper)	NBC 9pm	with regulars & Margaret Irving, Tommy Farrell, Barbara Pepper; (SW&SD).
PLAYHOUSE 90	CBS 9:30pm	Clipper Ship; (0) Berne Giler; with Charles Bickford, Jan Sterling, Steve Forrest, Helmut Dantine; Dir - Oscar Rudolph.
THE FORD SHOW	NBC 9:30pm	Pat O'Brien(A).
LUX VIDEO THEATRE (Gordon MacRae)	NBC 10pm	Adam Had Four Sons; (0) Charles Bonner("Legacy"); (A) Paul Franklin; with Leon Ames, Osa Massen, Fay Spain; Dir - David McDearmon.

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Adventures of Rin-Tin Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:30pm	Indian Blood; with regulars & Manning Ross, George J. Lewis; (SW&SD).
Adventures of Jim Bowie (Scott Forbes)	ABC 8pm	The Pearl And Crown; with regulars & William Schallert, Marcel Rousseau, Frank Wilcox, Russ Bender, Georgette Duval; (SW&SD).
West Point	CBS 8pm	Backfire; with Jack Grinnage, John Wilder, Charles Maxwell, Larry Blake, Stuart Whitman, Gregg Palmer, Robert Crosson, Al Terry, Joe Patridge, George Diestel; Dir - Ted Post.
Crossroads	ABC 8:30pm	The Light; (0) Tom Reed; with Donald Woods, Charles McGraw, James Goodwin, Richard Jaeckel, Adam Kennedy, Lester Hoyle; Dir - Jus Addiss.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	A Time To Live; (0) Joseph Chadwick, (A) Aaron Spelling; with Ralph Meeker, Julie London, John Larch, Ken Lynch, Walter Barnes, Forrest Lewis, Alan Wells; Dir - Lewis Foster.
Mr. Adams & Eve (Ida Lupino, Howard D		with regulars & Burt Nelson; (SW&SD).
Schlitz Playhouse	CBS 9:30pm	Clothes Make The Man; (0) Nunnally Johnson; (A) Arthur Sheek-man; with Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, Hans Conried, Joseph Kearns, Russell Hicks, Ray Walker, Bill McLean, Olan Soule, Vito Scotti, Frank Scannell, Joe Mell, John Close, Herb Vigran; Dir - Don Weis.

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BIG STORY (Ben Grauer)	NBC	9:30pm	Hank Messick; Reporter; Raleigh(N.C.) Times; (A) Alvin Boretz; with John McLiam, Jerry Wall, Will Hare, Carl Swenson.
RAY ANTHONY SHOW	ABC	10pm	Erin O'Brien(S).
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GOOD MORNING (Will Rogers, Jr.)	CBS	7am	4/1 - Paul Ashley & Puppets, Al Kelly(C), Russell Arms(S); 4/2 - Ann Gilbert(S), Jack E. Leonard(C); 4/3 - Sonny James(S); Barbara Carroll & Trio(M); 4/4 - Jimmy Dean(S), Sunny Gale(S), Jack E. Leonard(C); 4/5 - Jimmy Dean(S), Andy Williams(S), Frank Fontaine(C); LAST SHOW
GARRY MOORE SHOW	CBS	10am	4/5 - Bernie West(C), Martha Davis & Spouse(M).
CLUB 60	NBC	1:30pm	4/1 - Betty Madigan(S); 4/2 - Carl Ravazza(S); 4/3 - Maria Neglia(C-M); 4/4 - Jo Ann Miller(S); 4/5 - The Three Suns(S).
NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC	3pm	4/1 - End Of The Rope; (0) Sheldon Stark; 4/2 - We Won't Be Any Trouble; (0) George Lowther; 4/3 - The Daughter of Mata Hari; (0) Kurt Singer; (A) Alvin Boretz; 4/4 - Talk You Of Killing; (0) Joe Barry; 4/5 - Pursuit of Happiness; (0) Lawrence Langner, Armina Marshall Langner; (A) Helene Hanff.
MODERN ROMANCES (Betty Furness)	NBC	4:45pm	The Quality of Fear; (0) Elinor Lenz; with Edward Andrews, Joy Hooges, Ann Pearson, Dort Clark.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC	11:15pm	No info. available at press time.
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TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC	1211	My Son Rickey; (0) Michelle Cousin; with Warren Berlinger, Don Briggs.
JACKIE GLEASON SHOW	CBS	8pm	Visit to Spain; (0) Marvin Marx, Walter Stone, Herbert Finn, Joe Bigelow; Songs & Lyrics by Jerry Bresler, Lyn Duddy; with regulars & Lyn Duddy Singers; Dir - Frank Satenstein.
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC	8pm	Teresa Brewer(S), Jack Palance(A), Ben Alexander(A), The Step Brothers(D).
GEORGE GOBEL SHOW	NBC	10pm	Marilyn Maxwell(A).
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RAY BOLGERS! WASHINGTON SQUARE	NBC	4pm	with regulars & The Andrews Sisters(S).
JACK BENNY SHOW	CBS	7:30pm	with Mary Livingstone, Barbara Pepper, Mary Treen, Margaret Brayton.
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS	8pm	Fred Astaire, Paul Douglas, Fredric March, Florence Eldridge, David Burns(S), Kay Medford(A), Tommy White(A), Gerard Philipe (A), Micheline Presle(A), Jean Marais(A), Francoise Arnoul(A), Juliette Greco(A).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC	8pm	Rosemary Clooney(S), Buddy Hackett(C).
General Electric Theatre (Ronald Reagan		9pm	Bargain Bride; (0)Norma Mansfield; (A)Jameson Brewer; with Mr. Reagan, Eva Bartok, Edgar Buchanan; Dir - Justus Addiss.
Bob Hope Chevy	NBC	9pm	Janis Paige(A), Natalie Wood(A), Frank Sinatra(S-A).
ALL ABOUT MUSIC	ABC	10pm	PREMIERE: The Duke of Iron(M), Johnny Barracuda, The Original Trinidad Steel Band, Helen Ferguson(S), The Trinidancers, The Versatones(M); Host:Milton Cross
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	CBS	9:30pm	One Mile To Go; (0) James P. Cavanagh; with David Wayne, Louise Larabee, Martha Jacoby, Norman Leavitt; Dir - Alfred Hitchcock.

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-MID-WEEK SPECIAL-

#### NEWS - COMMENT - POSSIBILITIES

Playhouse 90's April 18 production of "Three Men on a Horse" doesn't have any featured players -- only stars. The cast without featured players, in TV's strange manner, includes Jack Carson, Carol Channing, Mona Freeman, Edward Everett Horton, Arnold Stang, Frank McHugh, Jane Darwell, Allen Jenkins, Larry Blyden and Johnny Carson. The two Carsons play the pivotal characters in the script, with Jack as Patsy, the leader of the race track betting group, and Johnny as Erwin, the greeting card writer who has the ability to pick winning horses. Arthur Hiller, who directed the filmed program, "Clipper Ship," one of the Screen Gems' productions to be seen on the program tomorrow (4), shifts over to the live side to direct "Three Men on a Horse."

Production staff credits for Tonight! currently include: Prod-Richard Linkroum; Assoc Prods-Ed Cosgrove, Tom Loeb; Commls Mgr-Hugo Seiler; Studio Dir-Lynwood B. King, Jr.; Remote Dir-Ted Nathanson; Senior Unit Mgr-Monty Morgan; Unit Mgrs-John Carsey, Julian Bercovici; Managing Ed-Frank Barton; Talent Coord-Tony Ford; Chicago Location Prod-Don Meier; Los Angeles Location Prod-Herb Braverman; Writers-Stanley Flink, Allan Manings, Walter Wager, Bob Carlysle, Blair Chotzinoff and David Rayfiel, with John Brookman in Chicago. Although the word is that this is the crew resulting from the shakedown of the first weeks' trials, Hollywood is still considered a sore spot because of disagreement over the treatment given to some of the features.

ABC-TV signed Miles Laboratories as a co-sponsor with Mennen for its Wednesday Night Fights, starting in June......U. S. Steel Corp renewed the U. S. Steel Hour for its alternate Wednesday evening spot at 10pm over CBS for 1957-58. The Theatre Guild, with Marshall Jamison as exec producer, continues as the producing organization.....General Electric Theater has been renewed for 1957-58 with all 39 shows to be on film for the first time in its four-year history. It began its current career with 26 live shows and 13 on film (for summer re-run purposes), but as Hollywood star names became more important in its battle for the audience, the balance shifted to film, with only eight live shows presented during this season, all during last fall and winter......Margaret Wilder has succeeded Alice Young as script editor for Climax :..... Spade Cooley, long a "western" music-style bandleader, preemed his newest musical aggregation last night (2) in Hollywood over KTLA -- a 24-piece all girl orchestra, mostly doubling as a 24-voice choir. Spade Cooley and vocalist Eddie Keeley are the only males on the weekly hour-long program, sponsored by Southern California Dodge Dealers (yes, Lawrence Welk started this way) and House of Carpets. Kay Cee Jones is the featured girl vocalist for the band, which also includes five mandolins and five accordians, a marimba and a harp along with the girls to play them. To balance the "sweet" makeup of the group (Cooley is a fiddler), the band also includes a Dixieland group.

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Everyone complains about awards, but no one does anything about them -- not necessarily about the way they are set up or awards made, but about making them more palatable to the TV viewing public. Last week's Motion Picture Academy Awards seem to have been hailed generally in Hollywood (largely because for the first time the audience at the Pantages Theatre didn't see or hear the commercials for Oldsmobile), but were rapped in New York for the boring and pedestrian nature of the awards as a show for television. The coastal reactions illustrate the split personality of the TVmovie marriage. More people probably watched the TV show than go to see any of the movies honored, yet in all the planning by the movie academy no one worried about the hooker, the little dab of honey to get people in the audience to go to see the people and pictures honored. Award ceremonies are limited in program time by the high cost of television, so to get enough interest in a show one must either load it with big name comic m.c.'s backed by as many star names one can get in front of a camera, or cut down the number of awards and show clips from films or programs that were honored, at least to hint to the audience why the honors were deserved. There hasn't been an award show this year in which the "presenters" and the m.c.'s weren't on longer than the people honored.

WOR-TV(NY) will be back in the experimental program business for the first time in several years, starting April 11, when it will begin the presentation of 13 live telecasts of experimental programs, each featuring a different format. The program series, called X-13, will be produced by the John Gibbs Agency and Hardy Burt, with Jay Sheridan, assistant to the production supervisor of Robert Montgomery Presents, as production consultant for the series. The new programs will be presented Thursdays, 9:30-10pm EST. Leading off will be Face Your Critics, tipped as a new type of panel show, with Hardy Burt as moderator, a controversial personality and three guests who are articulate critics of the personality. Sen. Joseph McCarthy will be in the spotlight during the pilot run. Other shows during succeeding weeks will include The Unknown World, with two scientists, one a skeptic and one open-minded, discussing psychic phenomena and the so-called supernatural; TV Tabloid, a presenttion of the week's best news features with the people whose stories made the headlines; Places, Please, during which a panel of globetrotters try to determine through questions where a just-returned traveler has been; Medical News Conference, with medical editors and reporters interviewing a specialist on the latest findings in his field of medicine and health; What's Your Average, an audience participation game based on a national poll of public opinion; The Play's the Thing, the only dramatic production scheduled for the series; Electronic Quiz, with the home viewer getting a chance at awards. Other programs still in the development stage include a children's show, a new format for a singing personality, and three shows called The Open Door, Devil's Advocate and Success Can Be Fun.

ABC-TV will have the finals of the 1957 Mrs. America Pageant on Saturday, May 11, 10:30-11pm EDT, televised from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., then a week later, Saturdays, 5:30-6pm EDT, starting May 18, the net will present Five Star Comedy Party, a short-term program series for Joe Lowe Corporation, plugging a new "Popsicle" contest. A comedy star will top the show each week, starting with Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney on the first show......ABC-TV confirmed its buy of The Real McCoys, a new Calfornia-locale situation comedy series starring Walter Brennan, to be produced jointly by Brennan-Westgate Corp and Marterto Productions. Irving and Norman Pincus will produce, with Sheldon Leonard as director and Bill Manhoff as writer.....The Arthur Murray Party doesn't get to replace Hey Jeannie over CBS in June, but instead moves into NBC's Tuesday, 8-8:30pm spot, starting April 9, to replace The Big Surprise.

PEOPLE GOING PLACES: CBS signed Broadway producer-director Howard Erskine to a long-term producing-creative agreement.....Screen Gems, Inc., signed producer Herbert B. Leonard to an exclusive two-year creative-production contract.....Garth Dietrick named producer of NBC's Home, with Ted Rogers upped to exec producer.



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#### THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday(April 8)

CBS- 7-7:45am EST, Mon thru Fri; DEBUT - The Jimmy Dean Show - LIVE from WTOP-TV(Wash), 40 stations live, none kine. § Co-op. § Pkgr- CBS-TV with Connie B. Gay(Wash); Exec Prod- Ed Friendly(CBS, NY); Prod- Connie B. Gay; Dir-Clark Pangle; Music Dir- Jimmy Dean. § Musical program in easy-going "country" style, starring singer-musician Jimmy Dean with his band, The Texas Wildcats, featuring also ventriloquist Alec Houston, The Country Lads duo, regular guest recording star George Hamilton IV, and other guest stars. The program replaces Good Morning, with Will Rogers, Jr. (last show April 5).

CBS- 7:45-8am, 8:45-9am EST, Mon thru Fri; DEBUT - The CBS Morning News - LIVE & FILM from WCBS-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- CBS News(NY); Superv- John F. Day; Dir- Bob Quinlan; Overnight Ed- Hal Herkell. § Richard C. Hottelet, former chief of the CBS news bureau in Germany, augments late news-film and taped overseas reports with his reports on the day's top stories. He will also spotlight stories of long range importance. The final five minutes will be a feature report and may be used by local stations to cut in with local news. The program will on the net 7:45-8am EST for Eastern Time Zone stations; 8:45-9am for both Eastern and Central Zone stations, and 9:45-10am for Central Zone stations. The 8:45-9am show cuts a quarter-hour from Captain Kangaroo, to be on 8-8:45am, Mon thru Fri, effective this date.

Tuesday(April 9)

NBC-7:30-7:45pm EST; SPECIAL - Scientific Manpower - KINE from WRCA-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining, public service. § Pkgr-NBC-TV; Prods-Doris Corwith(NY), Julian Goodman(Wash); Dirs-Charles Jones, Richard Cox. § Kine recording of a discussion of the urgent need for trained scientists, with the viewpoints of Vice President Richard M. Nixon; Dr. James Killian, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. Howard L. Bevis, president of Ohio State University and chairman of the Presidential Committee on Scientific Warfare. The program preempts The Jonathan Winters Show, this date only.

NBC 8-8:30pm EST; RETURN - The Arthur Murray Party - LIVE from WRCA-TV(NY), approx 139 stations live and kine. § Alternate Week Sponsors- 1) Purex Corp., Ltd. (Trend, Beads O' Bleach, Liquid Bleach, Sweetheart Soap, New Blue Dutch Cleanser); Sweetheart Soap, Dutch Cleansers thru Edward H. Weiss & Co(Chi); Acct Exec- Robert Harris; Purex Bleaches thru Foote, Cone & Belding(LA).

2) Speidel Corp (Photo Ident, Men's and Ladies Watch Bands) thru Norman, Craig & Kummel, Inc(NY); Acct Exec- H. Gerard Bissinger. § (Cont'd on next page)

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Tuesday(April 9)

NBC- The Arthur Murray Party (Cont'd from previous page): Pkgr- Kaar Productions, Inc(NY); Exec Prod- Johnny Stearns; Prod- Arthur Murray; Dir- Coby Ruskin; Music Dir- Ray Carter; Talent Booker- Ken Hoffman(Kaar). § Variety program with Kathryn Murray as hostess, featuring top name stars from the movie, stage, recording and TV fields. A dance contest among celebrities is a weekly feature. The program made its original debut July 3, 1950 over CBS and has been seen over all the networks at various times, as a summer replacement show during the past few years. During 1955 it was seen over NBC, last summer over CBS. In its new spot the program replaces The Big Surprise (last show April 2).

Thursday (April 11)

ABC-10-10:30pm EST; NET DEBUT - Telephone Time - FILM from WABC-TV(NY) & KABC-TV(LA), no. of stations indefinite. § Sponsor- American Telephone & Telegraph Co (Bell Telephone System) thru N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc(Phila). § Pkgr-Passing Parade Productions, Inc.; Film Prod-Hal Roach Studios, Culver City, Calif.; Exec Prod-Hal Roach, Jr.,; Prod-Jerry Stagg; Dirs- Various; Writers-Various. § Dramatizations of stories as related by story-teller John Nesbitt, who appears as host of the program. The program debuted over CBS-TV on April 8, 1956, Sundays, 6-6:30pm NYT, with its last CBS show on March 31, 1957.

Sunday (April 14)

ABC-5:30-6pm EST; SPECIAL - The Empty Cup - LIVE from WABC-TV(NY), to the net.

§ Sustaining. § Pkgr-ABC-TV with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations(NY); Exec Prod-Wiley Hance(ABC); Dir-Mickey Trenner. § Dramatization based on the traditional Seder, commemorating the Jewish Festival of Passover, with Eli Wallach as narrator of a script by Alvin Boretz.

CBS- 3-3:30pm EST; SPECIAL - Ready, Mr. Rosewater? - LIVE from WCBS-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- CBS-TV with the American Jewish Committee; Prod- Pamela Ilott(CBS); Assoc Prod- Richard Siemanowski; Dir- Mel Ferber. § Special Passover program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Jewish Committee, with a dramatization of the life of newspaper editor Edward Rosewater, founder of the AJC. Dramatization is by Virginia Mazer.

NBC- llam-l2noon EST; SPECIAL - Palm Sunday - LIVE from WLW-T(Cinn), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- NBC; Prod- Doris Ann. § Telecast of a Holy Communion Service in the Church of the Redeemer (Protestant Episcopal), in Cincinnati. The Venerable David R. Thornberry, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, will celebrate the Communion.

NBC- 2-2:30pm EST; SPECIAL - Exodus--1861 - LIVE from WRCA-TV(NY), to the net. \$ Sustaining. \$ Pkgr & Prod- NBC with the Jewish Theological Seminary; Writer- Jerome Coopersmith. \$ Passover program based on the true story of a Baltimore rabbi who was an Abolitionist, coupling his opposition to slavery to the story of Passover in this dramatization.

#### THIS WEEK -- REGULAR NETWORK SPECIALS

- CBS- Shower of Stars (Every 4th Thu, 8:30-9:30pm NYT) April 11; musical variety, starring Jack Benny, with guests (see page C for cast credits); Prod & Dir-Ralph Levy; Assoc Prod- John F. Myers; Writers- Hugh Wedlock, Howard Snyder; LIVE (COLOR) from KNXT(LA).
- NBC- Hallmark Hall of Fame (6 times during season, usually Sun) April 10, Wednesday, 8:30-10pm EST (last show of season); "The Yeomen of the Guard," by Gilbert & Sullivan, adapted by William Nichols. (Continued on next page)

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#### REGULAR NET SPECIALS(Cont'd)

NBC- Hallmark Hall of Fame (Cont'd from previous page): Alfred Drake stars as Jack Point, with Celeste Holm as Phoebe Meryll (see page B for other cast credits); Exec Prod-Mildred Freed Alberg; Prod & Dir-George Schaefer; LIVE (COLOR) from WRCA-TV(NY); preempts Father Knows Best and Kraft Television Theatre.

Saturday Color Carnival (Every 4th Sat, 9-10:30pm NYT) April 13; "Salute to Baseball," with Gene Kelly as host for a seasonal salute to the beginning of the baseball campaign (see page D for cast credits); Pkgr- NBC-TV(NY); Prod- Joe Cates; Dir- Barry Shear; Assoc Dir- Marcia Kuyper; Music Dir- Harry Sosnik; Sets-Jan Scott; Costumes- Joe Mostellor; Choreog- Bobby Herget; LIVE (COLOR) from WRCA-TV(NY).

#### OTHER NETWORK CHANGES & ADDITIONS

- CBS- Climax! (Thu, 8:30-9:30pm EST) Ralph Nelson appointed alternate producer, sharing duties with regular producer Edgar Peterson, effective April 1. Delete Paul Monash as associate producer, effective April 4. Margaret Wilder replaced Alice Young as script editor, effective with program of April 4.
- CBS- Playhouse 90 (Thu, 9:30-llpm EST) Sponsor roster, effective April ll: Bristol-Myers Co sponsors the first hour alternate weeks; with Philip Morris, Inc (Marlboro Cigarettes), first helf-hour and American Gas Assn, second half-hour, alternate weeks. Third half-hour weekly is sustaining.
- CTPN- Panorama Pacific (Mon thru Fri, 7-9am PST) Kay Westfall joined the regulars as guest women's editor and hostess for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Helen Parrish, the program's regular women's editor and hostess, is on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- NBC- Leo Durocher's Warmup; DEBUT April 6; Sat, 2:15-2:30pm EST (15 minutes before the Major League Baseball telecasts, April 6 & 13, thereafter 10 minutes before the baseball telecast). § Sustaining. § Pkgr- NBC Sports Dept(NY); Prod-Perry Smith; Dir- Harry Coyle. (See Major League Baseball, page 23).

Close-Up (Mon thru Fri, 1-1:30pm EST) Program originates from Chicago during the week of April 8, then returns to NY origination.

The Life of Riley (Fri, 8:30-9pm EST) Filmed series will be telecast regularly in color, effective April 12.

#### MAJOR LOCAL DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- WCBS-TV(Ch 2) Our Nation's Roots; DEBUT April 13; Sat, 2-2:30pm EST. Sustaining, public service. Pkgr- WCBS-TV Public Affairs Dept with New York University and the Educational TV and Radio Center; Prod- Nazaret Cherkezian(NYU); Dir- Neal Finn(WCBS-TV). The backgrounds of the millions who make up the composite America of today will be the subject of the 26-week series, with the story developing into what they found in the U.S. and how they helped develop it. Ormand J. Drake, professor of speech, and Dr. Thomas P. Robinson, of the history dept., both NYU faculty members, will be narrators, with professional actors used to dramatize specific incidents in the various programs.
- WOR-TV(Ch 9) X-13; DEBUT April 11; Thu, 9:30-10pm EST. Sustaining. Pkgr- Hardy

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Most of the shows on April 5,6,7, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, April 12. Script identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adatation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Generally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names of extra actors are available.

## FRIDAY APRIL 5

Joseph Cotton Show On Trial!	NBC 9pm	The Case of the Jealous Bomber.
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	SUNDAY	APRIL 7
LAMP UNTO MY FEET	CBS 10am	The Rites and Significance of the Passover Seder Services; with Rabbi Emanuel Rackman & Family.
LOOK UP & LIVE	CBS 10:30am	The Bridge; (0) Martin Plissner; with Norman Rose, Bert Cowlan, The Walter Farrell Singers; Dir - Marvin Silbersher.
RAY BOLGER <sup>†</sup> S WASHINGTON SQUARE	NBC 4pm	ADD: Salvatore Baccaloni(S).
77th Bengal Lancers	NBC 7pm	Akbar The Great; with regulars & Paul Picerni, Tom McKee; (SW&SD).
Circus Boy	NBC 7:30pm	Counterfeit Clown; with regulars & Don Beddoe, Darlene Fields, Leonard Carey; (SW&SD).
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	ADD: Xavier Cugat(M), Abbe Lane(S), Jacqueline Francois(S), Frank Libuse(C), Ferlin Huskey(S), Buddy Knox(S), Jimmy Bowen(S).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 8pm	ADD: Rosemary Clooney(S), Tommy Sands(S), Somethin! Smith & The Redheads(S-M).
Loretta Young Show	NBC 10pm	So Bright A Light; (0) Lowell Hawley; with Miss Young, Eric Feldary, Albert Szabo, Ann Morrison, Ross Elliott, Erzsi Pulay; Dir - John Newland.
	MONDAY	APRIL 8
Wire Service (Mercedes McCambridge)	ABC 7:30pm	The Indictment; (0) Seeleg Lester; with Miss McCambridge, Rhodes Reason, Whitney Blake, Harold J. Stone; Dir - Tony Leader.
VOICE OF FIRESTONE	ABC 8:30pm	Elaine Malbin.
TALENT SCOUTS	CBS 8:30pm	Jan Canada(S), Jimmy Stevens(D), The Tune Cryers(S).
TOP TUNES & NEW TALENT(Lawrence Welk)	ABC 9:30pm	The Rhythm Pals(M), Jimmy Fields(M).
December Bride (Spring Byington)	CBS 9:30pm	Do It Yourself; with regulars & Lee Millar, Norman Leavitt, Dick Joy; (SW&SD).
ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS	NBC 9:30pm	Victoria Regina; (0) Laurence Housman; with Claire Bloom, Paul Stevens, Leopoldine Konstantin, Norman Rose, Henry Brandon, Nan Martin, Zolya Talma, Francis Compton, Cathleen Cordell Felix Deebank Michael Con Area Ronald Long John

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## MONDAY APRIL 8(Cont'd)

STUDIO ONE	CBS 10pm	The Playwright And The Star; (0) Sidney Carroll; with Cathleen Nesbitt, Sam Levene, Fritz Weaver, Joanne Linville, Henderson Forsythe, Vaughan Bellaver; Dir - Norman Felton.
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Cheyenne (Clint Walker)	ABC 7:30pm	The Brand; (0) Dean Reisner; with Edward Byrnes, Sue George, Darryl Duran, Benny Baker, Douglas F. Rodgers, Nelson Leigh; Dir - Thomas Carr.
Phil Silvers Show	CBS 8pm	The Mess Hall Mess; with regulars & Jon Silo, Suzanne Caubaye; (SW&SD).
ARTHUR MURRAY PARTY	NBC 8pm	PREMIERE: Hostess: Kathryn Murray; with guest stars Andy Williams(S), Helen O'Connell(S),
Life & Legend of Wyatt Earp(Hugh O'Bria	ABC 8:30pm	Old Jake; with regulars & Francis McDonald, George J. Lewis, Ewing Mitchell, Carol Thurston; (SW&SD).
Private Secretary (Ann Sothern)	CBS 8:30pm	All That Glitters; with regulars & Franklin Pangborn; (SW&SD)
Panic!	NBC 8:30pm	Airline Hostess; with Carolyn Jones, Paul Picerni, John Bryant, Stephen Bekassy, Robert Quarry, Hal Callie, Dori Simmons; (SD).
Broken Arrow	ABC 9pm	Quarantine; (0) DeVallon Scott, Robert Leslie Bellem; with with regulars & Christopher Dark, Steven Rich, Steve Conte; (SD).
DuPont Theatre	ABC 9;30pm	The Texas Rangers; with Jim David, William Tallman, Malcolm Atterbury, Harry Antrim, Gary Gray, Glen Charles Gordon
KAISER ALUMINUM HOUR	NBC 9:30pm	Murder In The House; (0) Leslie Slote; with Oscar Homolka, Joan Tetzel, Gerald Sarracini; Dir - Ira Cirker.
IT'S POLKA TIME	ABC 10pm	Estonian Folk Dancers.
SPIKE JONES SHOW	CBS 10:30pm	with regulars & The Hi-Lo's(S).
		DAY APRIL 10
Navy Log	ABC 8:30pm	SSN-571; with Pat Henning, Mark Rydell, Frank Daley, Addison Powell, James Pritchett, John Boruff.
HALLMARK HALL OF FAME	NBC 8:30pm	The Yeomen Of The Guard; (0) Arthur Seymour Sullivan, William Schwenck Gilbert; (A) William Nichols; with Alfred Drake, Celeste Holm, Bill Hayes, Barbara Cook, Robert Wright, Henry Calvin, Norman Atkins, Norman Barrs, James Norbert, Don Blackey, Muriel O'Malley, Marjorie Gordon; Dir - George Schaefer; Conductor - Franz Allers; Choreog - Paul Godkin; Sets - Paul Barnes; Costumes - Noel Taylor.
Millionaire (Marvin Miller)	CBS 9pm	The Story of Crystal Sands; with Barbara Ruick, Kim Spalding, Liam Sullivan, Lisa Davis, Nora Hayden, Dori Simmons, Wilson Wood, Joan Danton.
Ford Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	Moments of Decision; (0) Herbert Abbott Spiro; with Jane Greer, Victor Jory, Marshall Thompson, William Lally, Mason Curry; Dir - James Neilson.
US STEEL HOUR	CBS 10pm	The Hill Wife; (0) Alfred Brenner; with Melvyn Douglas, Geraldine Page, Albert Salmi; Dir - Daniel Petrie.
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Sgt. Preston Of The Yukon (Richard Simmons)	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & George Lynn, Robert Cunningham, Robert Whitesides, Jo Ann Wade, Belle Mitchell; (SW&SD)

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## THURSDAY APRIL 11(Cont'd)

CIRCUS TIME	ABC	8pm	Betty Ann Grove(S), Peiro Bros.(C), Wally Boag(C), Johnny Cash(S), The Merky s(acro).
Bob Cummings Show	CBS	8pm	Bob Plays Gigolo; with regulars & Marjorie Bennett, Gale Robbins, Jay Novello, Carol Morris, Jacqueline Beer; (SW&SD).
SHOWER OF STARS	CBS	8:30pm	Jack Benny, Tallulah Bankhead, Ed Wynn, Tommy Sands, Julie London; (0) Hugh Wedlock, Howard Snyder; Dir - Ralph Levy.
Danny Thomas Show	ABC	9pm	Men Are Men; with regulars & Anna Marie Nanasi, Marjorie Lord; (SW&SD).
PLAYHOUSE 90	CBS	9:30pm	If You Knew Elizabeth; (0) Tad Mosel; with Claire Trevor, Gary Merrill, Tad Mosel, Ernest Truex, Natalie Schafer, Joe Sweeney, Doro Merande, Stephen Wootten, Joi Lansing,
			Nancy Marchand; Dir - John Frankenheimer.
FORD SHOW	NBC	9:30pm	Wally Cox(C).
Telephone Time (John Nesbitt)	ABC	10pm	PREMIERE: NEW DAY & TIME: Bullet Lou Kirn; (0) Joseph Landox; with Alan Eaxter, Harold J. Stone, Johnny Crawford, Oliver McGowan; Dir - Don Taylor.
LUX VIDEO THEATRE	NBC	10pm	A House Of His Own; (0) Loring Mandel; with Richard Boone, Mabel Albertson, Gage Clark, Charles, Meredith, Lewis Martin, Harry Shannon, James Flavin, Stephen Coit; Dir - James Yarbrough.
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Adventures of Rin- Tin-Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:30pm	The Old Soldier; (SW) Roy Erwin, Don Brand; with regulars & Ralph Moody, Lee Roberts, Duane Grey; (SD) Lew Landers.
Adventures of Jim Bowie (Scott Forbes)	ABC 8pm	The General's Disgrace; with regulars & Carole Mathews, Pauline Myers; (SW&SD).
West Point	CBS 8pm	Cold Peril; with Larry Pennell; no other info available at press time.
Crossroads	ABC 8;30pm	The Big Sombrero; (0) Frank L. Moss; with Cecil Kellaway, Douglass Dumbrille, John Alderson, Virginia Greeg, Victor Sen Yung.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	Black Is For Grief; (0) Aaron Spelling; with Tom Tryon, Mary Astor, Chester Morris, Tom Tully, Skip Homeier, Beulah Bondi; Dir - Lewis Allen.
Life Of Riley (William Bendix)	NBC 8:30pm	with regulars & John Hoyt, Vivi Janiss, Steve Pendleton; (SW&SD).
Mr. Adams & Eve (Howard Duff, Ida Lupi	CBS 9pm	That Magazine; with regulars & Barbara Billingsley, Alvin Greenman, Lee Patrick; (SW&SD).
The Vise (Donald Gray)	ABC 9:30pm	The Hostage; with regulars & Dorothy Gordon; (SW&SD).
Schlitz Playhouse	CBS 9:30pm	The Blue Hotel; (0) Stephen Crane; (A) John McGreevey; with Vincent Price, Wallace Ford, Chick Chandler, Lee Van Cleef, Adam Kennedy, Tris Coffin, Phil Chambers, Dick Rich, Jack Jordan, Stuart Wade; Dir - John Brahm.
BIG STORY (Ben Grauer)	NBC 9:30pm	Seymour Berkson; Publisher; New York(N.Y.) Journal American; (A) Leon Tokatyan; with Whitfield Connor, William Zuckert, Frank Overton, John Kellogg, John Cecil Holm.
RAY ANTHONY SHOW	ABC 10pm	Erin O'Brien(S), Gene Merlino(S), Med Flory(C-S).
The Lineup (Warner Anderson)	CBS 10pm	The Georgie Gillette Case; (0) Fred Eggers; with regulars & Gertrude Graner, Jay Novello, Whit Bissell, Ezelle Poule, Rex Lease, Jack Carol; (SD).

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JIMMY DEAN SHOW	CBS 7am	PREMIERE: Regulars: Jimmy Dean, Jan Crockett(S), George Hamilton 1V,(S), The Texas Wildcats(M), The Country Lads(S), Alec Houston(ventril). Added guest for the entire week is Wanda Jackson. (Coming from Washington D.C.)
GARRY MOORE SHOW	CBS 10am	4/11 - Martha Davis & Spouse(M); 4/12 - Kaye Ballard(C), Varel and Bailly(S), The Chanteurs de Paris(S).
CLUB 60 (Dennis James)	NBC 1:30pm	4/8 - Randy Brown(paddle-ball); 4/10 - Andy Williams(S); 4/11 - Gale Robbins(S); 4/12 - Charlie Applewhite(S).
NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC 3pm	4/8 - Wuthering Heights; (0) Emily Bronte; (A) Lois Jacoby; 4/9 - Long Distance; (0) Reita Lambert; (A) George Lowther; 4/10 - Point of Clearing; (0) Robert Thompson; 4/11 - The Sport; (0) Helene Hanff; 4/12 - Flashing Stream; (0) Char- les Morgan; (A) Kathleen & Robert Howard Lindsay.
MODERN ROMANCES (Martha Scott)	NBC 4:45pm	The Big Talker; (0) William Kendall Clarke; with Neil Hamilton, Kathleen Murray, Jeff Harris, John Marley.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC 11:15pm	4/9 - Eric Portman(A); 4/10 - Shep Fields & Orch.
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TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC 12N	No Vacation; (0) Earl Hamner; with David White, Mary K. Wells, Martin Brooks, Bill Daniels, Rudy Bond.
The Buccaneers (Robert Shaw)	CBS 7:30pm	The Spy Aboard; with regulars & Richard Johnson, John Salew; (SW&SD).
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC 8pm	Gale Storm(A-S), The Diamonds(S).
SATURDAY COLOR CARNIVAL	NBC 9pm	Salute To Baseball; with Gene Kelly, Janis Paige, Robert Alda, Tony Bennett, Paul Winchell & Jerry Mahoney, Ed Garder, Bill Hayes, Pat Marshall.
OZARK JUBILEĘ	ABC 10pm	Duncan Renaldo(S), Barbara Cameron(S).
Gunsmoke (James Arness)	CBS 10pm	with regulars & Catherine McCleod, Robert Griffin; (SW&SD).
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LOOK UP & LIVE	CBS 10:30am	La Chemin de la Croix; (0) Paul Claudel ("The Way of the Cross").
PASSOVER STORY	NBC 2pm	Exodus1861; (0) Jerome Coopersmith; with Larry Gates.
PASSOVER STORY	ABC 5:30pm	The Empty Cup; (0) Alvin Boretz; with Eli Wallach, Bess Myerson, Leonard Lyons, Meyer Levin.
77th Bengal Lancers (Phil Carey)	NBC 7pm	The Inconstant Moon; with regulars & Leslie Denison; (SW&SD).
MARGE & GOWER CHAMPION SHOW	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars only.
Circus Boy	NBC 7:30pm	The Pawnee Strip; with regulars & Coca Dolenz, Scott Morrow, Daniel White; (SW&SD).
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	Judy Holliday, Henry Fonda, Kay Thompson.
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 8pm	Esther Williams, Eydie Gorme, Stan Freberg(M), The Four Lads, Jackie Cooper,
General Electric Theatre (Ronald Reagan)	CBS 9pm	The Cab Driver; (0) Cornell Woolrich; (A) John L. Greene; with Imogene Coca, Keenan Wynn, Harry Shearer, Joseph Downing, Harry Bartell, Billy McLean, Joyce Jameson; Dir-Don Weis.
ALCOA HOUR	NBC 9pm	Nothing To Lose; (0) Jerome Ross; with Ralph Bellamy, James Whitmore, Robert Emhardt, Mike Kellin, Harry Bellaver, Edmon Ryan, Frank Sutton; Dir - David Green.

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-MID-WEEK SPECIAL-

#### NEWS - COMMENT - POSSIBILITIES

NBC's fall tote board shows over \$80,000,000 in gross billings as of April 5, about 60 per cent more than the nighttime sales position a year ago. Sales include four new series, renewals for seven series and an alternate week sale for the Steve Allen Show. The list, including some previously known, now officially confirmed, lists the following sales: 1) The Chevy Show, Sundays, 9-10pm NYT, for 52 weeks starting Oct 6. Dinah Shore will star in a major number of shows, using her current variety format. Chevrolet Motor Division thru Campbell-Ewald, Inc., is the sponsor. 2) Weekly variety series, Tuesdays, 8-9pm NYT, starring Eddie Fisher and George Gobel, alternating as host and guest, starting Sept 24. Alternate sponsors are Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co (Chesterfield) and Radio Corp of America and Whirlpool Corp. 3) The Gisele MacKenzie Show, Saturdays, 9:30-10pm NYT, starting Sept 21. To be sponsored by Scott Paper Co thru J. Walter Thompson Co. 4) Series to be announced, Mondays, 9:30-10pm NYT, starting Oct 7, to be sponsored alternately by The Aluminum Co of America thru Fuller & Smith & Ross, Inc., and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co thru Young & Rubicam, Inc. 5) Series to be announced, Saturdays, 9-9:30pm NYT, starting Sept 28. Alternate sponsors will be Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co thru McCann-Erickson, Inc., and Max Factor & Co thru Doyle Dane Bernbach, Inc.....S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc., thru Needham, Louis & Brorby, Inc., will sponsor the Steve Allen Show on alternate Sundays, 8-9pm NYT, starting July 7......NBC program and time period renewals include: Procter & Gamble Co thru Benton & Bowles has renewed The Loretta Young Show (Sun, 10-10:30pm NYT), effective July 7, and This Is Your Life (Wed, 10-10:30pm NYT), beginning Sept 25. P & G thru Compton Advertising, Inc., has also renewed for the Tuesday, 9-9:30pm NYT period, with Meet McGraw scheduled to replace. The Jane Wyman Show in the spot for the sponsor. Scott Paper Co thru J. Walter Thompson Co renewed Father Knows Best (Wed, 8:30-9pm NYT), starting Sept 25. The DeSoto Division, Chrysler Corp thru BBDO and the Toni Co thru North Advertising, Inc., renewed their alternate sponsorship of Groucho Marx' You Bet Your Life (Thursday, 8-8:30pm NYT), effective Sept 26. The Borden Co and Procter & Gamble Co., both thru Young & Rubicam, Inc., renewed their alternate week sponsorship of The People's Choice (Thu, 9-9:30pm NYT).....On another NBC front, Ray Bolger's Washington Square will have four different evening spots during May and June: May 9, Thu, 9-10pm NYT; May 20, Mon, 9:30-10:30pm NYT; June 4, Tue, 8-9pm NYT, and June 13, Thu, 8-9pm NYT. The first three will be co-sponsored by Royal McBee and Helene Curtis, with the fourth sponsored by Helene Curtis alone.

NBC's buy of Barry & Enright Productions, though still not officially announced, has ended the three-and-a-half-year run of Winky Dink and You over CBS. Starting May 4, Saturdays, ll-ll:30am NYT, CBS will present Susan's Show, starring l2-year-old Susan Heinkel in a weekend version of her show of the same name which has been seen in Chicago over WBBM-TV, since last September, Mon thru Fri, 4-4:30pm CST. The program format involves the girl's adventures in a fantasyland.

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Garry Moore will take a week's vacation beginning May 20, with Durward Kirby subbing, with Dick Van Dyke coming in to assist on the CBS morning shows.....James Colligan has been named producer of CBS' Let's Take A Trip, succeeding Stephen Fleischman who has been named producer of special programs on The Twentieth Century, which will replace You Are There in the fall for Prudential Insurance Co.....Although General Mills has renewed its sponsorship for Tales of the Texas Rangers, the series will not return to CBS-TV, but will be seen on another net or on a national spot basis in over 100 markets. Screen Gems will soon go into production on new films for the series......Screen Gems has bought all the assets of Wm. F. Broidy Productions, including 100 TV films produced for the Wild Bill Hickok series. Production will continue with Guy Madison and Andy Devine as co-stars and Kellogg Co as net and national spot sponsor of the films.

The new Jimmy Dean Show, which started on Monday over the CBS net, has created a small talent problem for WMAL-TV(Wash), the ABC outlet in the capitol, and its two longtime programs on which Dean has starred for several years -- Town and Country Time, Mon thru Fri, 6:30-6:55pm, and Town and Country Jamboree, Sat, 10:30pm-1:30am. Connie B. Gay is producer of the local shows and the new CBS net program series. Because of Dean's long identity with the Washington country & western series, he will ease out gradually, with Grandpa (Louis Marshall) Jones replacing him on both WMAL programs. Jones, now touring Europe, will take over as featured singer and m.c. of the weekday programs on May 13 and will also begin appearances on the Saturday night show, gradually moving into the top spot to replace Dean. The transfer will be completed by the end of May. Dean's band, the Texas Wildcats, will be replaced on the shows by a five-man group to be known as "The Grandchildren," with the changeover in bands to take place one man at a time, beginning this week. No change in format is intended, just a gentle way of acclimating the new musicians to the shows.

The addition of Hazel Bishop, Inc., and Sunbeam Corp., as alternating sponsors of one segment of Premiere Performance on 126 stations of the NTA Film Network, revealed that Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Co sponsors six-tenths of the program, P. Lorillard Co for Old Golds has three-tenths, and the two new sponsors, the remaining segment....."The Billboard," adding up the announcements this season, said this week that there are 183 new properties being offered to sponsors for fall showing, with at least 110 represented by completed pilots. Some in the list have already been sold. (There may be at least 50 more that are ready and waiting, most of them in the form of presentations by several of the big package-talent-production agencies who play it cosy in approaching one or two prospects until turndowns make it necessary to open up for possible sales).

PEOPLE GOING PLACES: CBS Chicago moved offices and production facilities to 630 N. McClurg Court, Chicago 11. The new address is for all CBS TV and radio departments, Columbia Records and the WBBM stations.....Ralph Howard Peterson returned to NBC Washington to replace Bob Doyle as producer-director of net news and special events for TV. Doyle has been named manager of the Washington office of TelePrompTer Corp.....Leonard Zweig named director of news and special events for WABD(NY), and also producer of the station's Night Beat program.....Fred Fitzgerald, upped from news editor to senior editor of "Broadcasting-Telecasting" with Donald V. West succeeding him as news editor.....Fred W. Wile, Jr., has opened offices at 120 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.



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-WEEKLY REPORT-

#### THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Friday(April 19)

ABC- 4:30-5pm EST; SPECIAL - The Shroud of Turin - LIVE & FILM from WBKB(Chi), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- Loyola University with ABC-TV(Chi); Prod- Grover Allen. § Rev. Francis L. Filas, S. J., professor of theology at Loyola University, discusses the shroud, kept at Turin, Italy, which has been claimed for centuries to be the cloth in which Christ's body was wrapped after crucifixion.

Sunday(April 21)

CBS-llam-12noon EST; SPECIAL - Easter Sunday Services - LIVE from WTOP-TV(Wash), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr-CBS Public Affairs(Wash); Prod-Ted Ayers; Dir-Beryl Denzer. § Seventh consecutive year for the telecast of the Easter Sunday services from the National (Episcopal) Cathedral in Washington. Mass will be celebrated by the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Dean of the Cethedral; Eastern Sunday sermon by the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington.

NBC- 5-6pm EST; SPECIAL - Tournament of Champions - LIVE remote from Las Vegas, Nev., to the NBC net. \$ Sustaining. \$ Pkgr- NBC Sports; production info not available. \$ Telecast of the final hour of the fifth annual Tournament of Champions golf competition at the Desert Inn golf course in Las Vegas.

### THIS WEEK -- REGULAR NETWORK SPECIALS

NBC- NBC-TV Opera Theatre (6 times during season) April 21, Sunday, 2-4pm EST (last program of season); "La Traviata," starring Elaine Malbin as Violetta (see page D for other cast credits); LIVE (COLOR) from WRCA-TV(NY).

#### OTHER NETWORK CHANGES & ADDITIONS

- ABC- Martha Rountree's Press Conference; new day and time effective April 15, Mondays, 9-9:30pm EST. Program had been seen Sundays, 5:30-6pm EST. The program is sponsored alternate weeks by Corn Products Refining Co thru C. L. Miller Co., Inc., with the alternate week sustaining. In its new spot the program succeeds Life Is Worth Living (last show April 8).
- CBS- Let's Take a Trip (Sun, 12-12:30pm EST) James Colligan has succeeded Stephen Fleischman as producer. Effective April 21, 9 1/2-year-old Joan Terrace and 9-year-old Jimmy Walsh succeed Ginger MacManus and Pud Flanagan on the program.
- NBC- Hold That Note (Tue, 10:30-llpm EST) Last show April 2; time reverted to local stations.

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## TALENT SHOWSHEET AFRIL 12 - APRIL 21

Most of the shows on April 12,13,14, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-toard shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, April 19. Ccript identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Generally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names  $\varphi f$  extra actors are available.

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RAY ANTHONY SHOW	ABC 10pm	The King Sisters(\$), Cockie McKinney(S).
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JACKIE GLEASON SHOW	CBS 8pm	Trip to Africa: with regulars & Lyn Duddy Singers; (0) Joe Bigelow, Marvin Marx, Walter Stone, Herbert Finn; Songs & Lyrics by Jerry Bresler & Lyn Duddy.
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC 8pm	ADD: Roger Williams(M), The Fontaine Sisters(S).
	SUNDAY A	
LOOK UP & LIVE	CBS 10:30am	ADD CAST: Beatrice Straight, Paul Stevens; (A) Carl Beier; Music - Arthur Honneger; Dir - Marvin Silbersher.
CAMERA THREE	CBS 11:30am	Part 2 - Series on Academic Freedom; (0) Jack McGiffert; with Joseph Warren, Victor Thorely, Reynolds Evans, Addison Powell, Al Hinckley, Michelle Coe, Robert Dryden, Milo Boulton, Walter Reamer, Hal Studer; Dir - Clay Yurdin
ODYSSEY	CBS 5pm	NOTE NEW TIME: Saten in Salem; Repeat of 1/27/57.
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	ADD: Alan King(C), Smith & Dale(C), Alma Cogan(S-M), Jack Harris(S).
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	CBS 9:30pm	Vicious Circle; (0) Evan Hunter; (A) Bernard C. Schoenfeld; with Dick York, George Macready, Kathleen Maguire, Russ Johnson, Paul Lambert, George Frenlin, Tracey Morgan; Dir-Paul Henreid.

American Folk Music - with Susan Reed (M-S), Nelle Fisher &

Rummage Sale; (0) Mary Jane Waldo, Richard Morris; (A) Rich-

ard Morris; with Jan Sterling, Mark Roberts, Maggie Mahoney, Myra Marsh, Arlene Harris, Will J. White; Dir - Richard

## MONDAY APRIL 15

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Wire Service (Dane Clark)	ABC	7:30pm	Ninety And Nine; (0&A) James Edmiston; with Mr. Clark, Abraham Sofaer, Donald Randolph, Malcom Atterbury, Kay Colominas; Dir - Harold Schuster.
Adventures of Robin Hood (Richard Gre		7:30pm	The Little People; with regulars & Barry Keegan, Peggy Marshall; (SW&SD).
Burns & Allen Show	CBS	8pm	with regulars & Howard McNear, Yvonne Lime, Darlene Albert, Mary Ellen Kaye, Jody Warner; (SW&SD).
VOICE OF FIRESTONE	ABC	8:30pm	Nadine Conner(S).
TALENT SCOUTS	CBS	8:30pm	Bob Dini(S), Denise Anger(S), Steve Karmen(S-M).
Tales of Wells Fargo (Dale Robertson)	N BC	8:30pm	The Bounty; (0) George Slavin; with Mr. Robertson, Gerald Milton, Jean Howell, Anthony George, Richard Shannon, Olan Squle; (SD).

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TOP TUNES & NEW TALNET(Lawrence Welk)	ABC 9:30pm	Fudy Whorton & Aime Vereecke(M), Stan Wrightsman(M), Pete Fountain(M).
December Bride (Spring Byington)	CBS 9:30pm	The Old Man; with regulars & Dick Elliott, Charles Cantor; (SW&SD).
ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS	NBC 9:30pm	Fear Street; (0) William Kendall Clarke; with Robert Alda, Joe Campanella, Millette Alexander, Paul Mazursky; Dir - Perry Lafferty.
STUDIO ONE	CBS 10pm	The Rice Sprout Song; (0) Fileen Chang; (A) Loring Mandel; with Olive Deering, John Colicos, Vivian Nathan, David Opatashu, David Stewart, Dolores Sutton, Michael Tolan, Judy Sanford; Dir - Sidney Lumet.
	TUE SDAY	
Conflict	ABC 7:30pm	Anything For Money; (0) Frederic Brady; with Efrem Zimba- list, Jr., Barton Machane, Margaret Hayes, Richard Webb, Joanna Barnes; Dir - Walter Doniger.
JONATHAN WINTERS SHOW	NBC 7:30pm	Jeri Southern(S).
The Phil Silvers Show	CBS 8pm	The Secret Life of Sgt. Bilko; with regulars & Philip Cool-idge, Otto L. Hewlitt; (SW&SD).
ARTHUR MURRAY PARTY	NBC 8pm	Eartha Kitt(S).
Wyatt Earp	ABC 8:30pm	The Equalizer; with regulars & Elisha Cook, John Pickardis, Pal Brinegar; (SW&SD).
Private Secretary (Ann Sothern)	CBS 8:30pm	The Reunion; with regulars & Virginia O'Brien, Robert Rock-well; (SW&SD).
Panic!	NBC 8:30pm	Nightmare; with Eduardo Cianelli, Argentina Brunetti, Judi Boutin, Willis Bouchey, Katherine Warren, Wilson Wood; (SD),
Broken Arrow (John Lupton)	ABC 9pm	Ordeal; with regulars & John Larch, Steve Conte; (SW&SD).
DuPont Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	The Jackie Jensen Story; (0) Lou Rusoff; with Jackie Jensen, B.G. Norman, Gary Gray, Ross Elliott, Vivi Janiss; Dir - Alvin Ganzer.
Jane Wyman Show	NBC 9pm	Not For Publication; (0) Rufus King; (A) Michael Fessier; with Miss Wyman, Alnslie Pryor, Tom Conway, Cherio Meredith, Walter Kingsford, Grant Richards, Charles Herbert.
ARMSTRONG CIRCLE THEATRE	NBC 9:30pm	Slow Assassination: Peron vs. La Prensa; (0) Irve Tunick, Cullen Moore; with Kent Smith, Philip Bourneuf, Bruce Gordon, Val Avery, Johnathan Harris; Dir - William Corrigan.
IT'S POLKA TIME	ABC 10pm	The Gruzia Yugoslav Folk Dancers.
SPIKE JONES SHOW	CBS 10:30pm	Lord Flea & Calypso Band.
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Navy Log	ABC 8:30pm	AssignmentBRT; with Herbert Rudley, Jerry Barclay, Frank Kreig, Kendrick Huxham, George Pelling; (SW&SD).
Father Knows Best (Robert Young)	NBC 8:30pm	The Spelling Bee; with regulars & Beverly Washburn, Mason Curry, Pauline Drake; (SW&SD).
Millionaire (Marvin Miller)	CBS 9pm	The Story of Maggie Sheeler; with Marilyn Saris, Harry Jackson, Peter Votrian, Harry Jackson, Carleton Young, Rankin Mansfield; (SW&SD).
KRAFT THEATRE	NBC 9pm	A Matter of Life; (0) Oliver Crawford; with Raymond Massey, Robert Pastene, Gilbert Lewis, Paul Tripp, Ward Costello, Adrian Maren; Dir - Billy Graham,

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Ford Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	Singapore; (0) Karen DeWolf, Gerry Day; with Paulette Goddard, Charles Korvin, Rex Reason, Fay Baker, Arthur Hanson, Frank Kumagai; Dir - James Neilson.
20th Century-Fox Hour	CBS 10pm	Men In Her Life; (0) Philo Higley, Phillip Dunning; (A) Kitty Buhler; with Phyllis Kirk, Kendall Scott, Malcolm Broderick, Ann Doran, Beverly Washburn, Richard Hale, Gertrude Michael, Sydney Smith, Parley Baer, Sheila Bromley; Dir - Lewis Allen.
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Sgt. Preston (Richard Simmons)	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Billy Miller, David Leonard, Don Barry; (SW&SD).
CIRCUS TIME	ABC 8pm	Betty Ann Grove(S), The Mandarins(acro),
Bob Cummings Show	CBS 8pm	with regulars & Lyle Talbot, Maxine Gates, Ralph Dumke, General Clarence A. Shoop; (SW&SD).
CLIMAX! (Bill Lundigan)	CBS 8:30pm	Mad Bomber; (0) Adrian Spies; with Dane Clark, Anne Bancroft, Theodore Bikel, Jim Backus, Estelle Winwood; Dir - Buzz Kulik.
PLAYHOUSE 90	CBS 9:30pm	Three Men On A Horse; (0) John Cecil Holm, George Abbott; (A) A.J. Russell; with Jack Carson, Carol Channing, Mona Freeman, Edward Everett Horton, Arnold Stang, Frank McHugh, Jane Darwell, Allen Jenkins, Larry Blyden, Johnny Carson; Dir - Arthur Hiller.
THE FORD SHOW	NBC 9:30pm	Jackie Cooper(A).
Telephone Time (John Nesbitt)	ABC 10pm	Elfego Baca; (0) Howard R. Evans; with Manuel Rojas, James Westerfield, Strother Martin, George Trevino, Stacy Harris, House Peters; Dir - Allen H. Miner.
LUX VIDEO THEATRE (Gordon MacRae)	NBC 10pm	The Taggart Light; (0) Cecil Maiden; with Vera Miles, John McIntire, Roger Moore, Irene Tedrow, Kim Charney, Jim Haywood; Dir - Norman Morgan.
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Adventures of Rin- Tin-Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:30pm	Stage coach Sally; with regulars & John Wilder, Lane Bardford, Terry Frost, Dennis Moore; (SW&SD).
West Point	CBS 8pm	Contact: with Steve Terrell, Del Erickson, Larry Thor, Jack Mather, Richard Emory, Mitchell Lear, Richard McGrath, Al Austin, Leonard Shoemaker, Eddie Bryan; Dir - Ted Post.
Crossroads	ABC 8:30pm	Riot; (0) George Bruce; with Pat O'Brien, Roy Roberts, Frank Scannell, Francis MacDonald, Ann Doran, Robert F. Simon.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	The Fearful Courage; (0) Arthur Ross; with Ida Lupino, James Whitmore, Michael Pate, Paul Hahn, Robert Karnes; Dir - Bernard Girard.
Mr. Adams & Eve (Ida Lupino, Howard D		The Social Crowd; with regulars & Norma Varden; (SW&SD).
DINAH SHORE S CHEVY	NBC 9pm	Sally Forrest(A), Joey Bishop(C), The Dunhills(D), The Sky-larks(S), Dean Martin(S), Hugh O'Brian(A).
The Vise	ABC 9:30pm	Farewell To Mrs. Forest; no other info. available at press time.
Schlitz Playhouse	CBS 9:30pm	Girl With a Glow; (0) Harriet Frank, Jr.; (A) Leon Gordon; with Pat Crowley, John Forsythe, Katherine Warren, Nolan Leary, Madge Blake; Dir - Jules Bricken.
RAY ANTHONY SHOW	ABC 10pm	Erin O'Brien(S),
The Lineup (Warner Anderson)	CBS 10pm	Cosmopolitan Bunko Case; with regulars only; (SW&SD).

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JIMMY DEAN SHOW	CBS 7am	Connie Boswell will be a guest for the entire week.
GARRY MOORE SHOW	CBS 10am	Garry Moore is on vacation this week. MC will be Durward Kirby assisted by Dick Van Dyke(C). 4/16 - Cliff Norton(C); 4/19 - Melvyn Douglas(A), Bob Lewis(C), Martha Davis & Spouse(M).
CLUB 60	NBC 1:30pm	4/15 - Eddie South(M); 4/17 - Lenn Redman(caricaturist); 4/18 - Robert Alda(S-A).
TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD SHOW	NBC 2;30pm	4/16 - Tommy Sands(S); 4/17 - Walter Brennan(A); 4/18 - Jean Marais; 4/19 - Tommy Sands.
NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC 3pm	4/15 - The Thread That Runs So True; (0) Howard Gast; 4/16 - Jamie Picks A Wife; (0) Gertrude Schweitzer; (A) Peggy Phillips; 4/17 - Blind Man's Bluff; (0) Nelia Gardner White; (A) Richard Wendley; 4/18 - Horsepower; Re-run - 10/30/56; 4/19 - The Story of Joseph; (0) Howard Rodman.
MODERN ROMANCES (Martha Scott)	NBC 4:45pm	Problem Woman; (0) Harry W. Junkin; with Richard Kendrick, June Dayton, Ann Loring.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC 11:15pm	4/15 - Mickey & Sylvia(M-S).
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TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC 12N	Dream No More; (0) Michael Morris; with Jeffrey Lynn, Augusta Dabney, Harry Worth, Gladys Holland.
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC 8pm	Pat Boone(S), Arlene Dahl(A).
OZARK JUBILEE	ABC 10pm	Bill Wimberly's Country Rhythm Boys.
GEORGE GOBEL SHOW	NBC 10pm	Jeff Donnell.
	SUNDAY A	APRIL 21 mmmamminm
FRONTIERS OF FAITH	NBC 1:30pm	(Coming from H <sup>1</sup> wd.) - Biblical Account of the Easter Story; with Charlton Heston; Mus Dir - Owen Brady.
NBC OPERA THEATRE	NBC 2pm	La Traviata; (0) Verdi; (A) Joseph Machlis; with Elaine Malbin, John Alexander, Igor Gorin, William Chapman, Emile Renan, Luigi Vellucci, Chester Watson, Bonnie Murray, Berte Goapere, Richard Drause, Eda Lioy(D), Jonathan Watts(D); Conductor-Herbert Grossman; Music & Artistic Dir - Peter Herman Adler; Sets & Costumes - Ed Wittstein; Choreo - Robert Joffrey. LAST SHOW OF SEASON.
RAY BOLGER'S WASHINGTON SQUARE	NBC 4pm	Will Mastin Trio with Sammy Davis, Jr., Patrice Munsel.
ODYSSEY	CBS 5pm	The Revolution of the Eye; (0) Vincent Price, Charles Colling- wood, David Ebin; with Vincent Price; Dir - Roger Englander, John Desmond.
JACK BENNY SHOW	CBS 7:30pm	Dorothy Kirsten(S).
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	Charlotte Rae(C), The Fredianis(balan), Don Murray(A), Roberta Sherwood(S), Bob Sweeney(C), Gale Gordon(C), Marion Marlowe(S), Mitzi Green(D-S).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 8pm	The Muppets(puppets), Mickey & Sylvia(S-M).
General Electric Theatre (Ronald Reagan)	CBS 9pm	Bitter Choice; (0)Arthur Gordon; (A)Halsy Malone; with Anne Baxter, Russ Thorson, Michael Landon, Les Lesser, Mike Rag- an; Dir - Herschel Daugherty
GOODYEAR PLAYHOUSE	NBC 9pm	The Gene Austin Story; (0) Ernest Kinoy; with George Grizzard, Phyllis Newman, Eddie Andrews, Scott McKay, Jerome Cowan, Bubber Johnson; Dir - Herbert Hirschman.
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	CBS 9:30pm	Three Dreams of Mr. Findlater; (0)A.A. Milne; (A)Sarett Rud- ley; with John Williams, Barbara Baxley, Isabel Elsom, Walter Kingsford, A.E. Gould-Porter; Dir - Jules Bricken.

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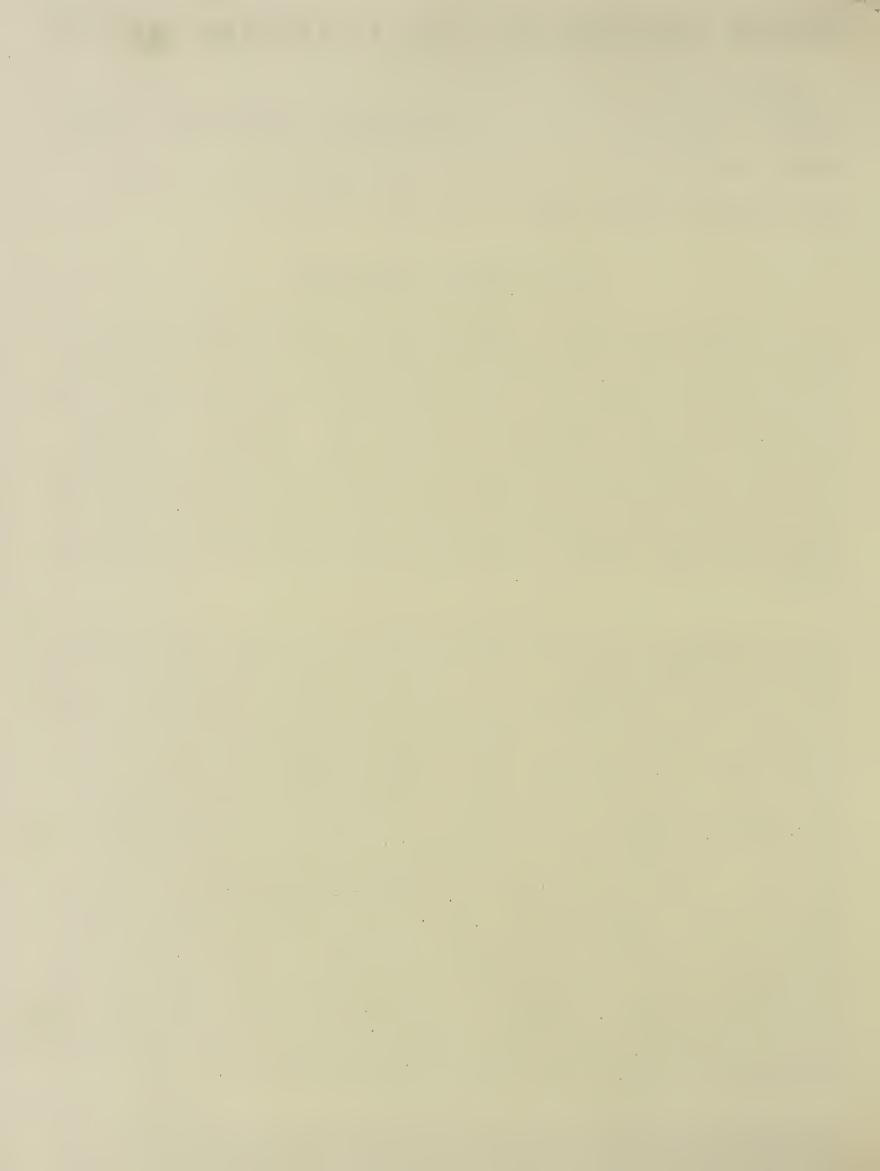
### NEWS - COMMENT - POSSIBILITIES

The buying pinch has hit the program market, but the big bottleneck is not the lack of programs or the lack of ad agency or sponsor interest, but the problem of time in getting the two sides together. Every packager with a new or believably hot property is afraid that time spent with marginal prospects may kill a possible sale elsewhere, and all packagers would like to know which agencies (with specific clients having program problems for next season) are legitimately interested. There isn't enough time left before options have to be picked up for the fall on some of this year's so-so programs, so every day someone hops a plane for New York to make what the trades call "the Madison Avenue tour" of the agencies. Several pilots are still slated for production during the next couple of weeks for viewing by agencies during May, but the bell should ring about June 1, and except for some last minute surprises the networks and sponsors should have all their time spots set for fall by then. As happened last season, hundreds of thousands of dollars will have gone down the drain in pilot films that didn't make it. It's now a bigger gamble than the Broadway legit ratrace.

Although the TV industry is divided over Pat Weaver's planned "Program Service" intended for stations in 14 or 15 top market areas of the country, the networks are watching developments closely for several obvious reasons. Weaver suggested a "cream" market network, eliminating many of the basic stations needed for advertisers on a full net lineup. There's nothing new in the idea since all the nets have at one time or another a similar set-up on the books, mainly regional in character, but capable of extension if required. NBC currently has Club 60 and Close-Up on over half a hundred stations, but the original plan was for the programs to go to NBC's o-and-o etations only. CBS has its early morning program, Panorama Pacific, covering the West Coast via its Columbia Pacific Television Network and for several years also had the Harry Owens Show in an evening spot on the same net. The CTPN is regional only in the sense that it sticks to one time zone and stays west of the Rockies. ABC has also had shows peculiar to its Western Division, the last one a couple of years ago. In another instance, CBS had the Uncle Johnny Coons Show on a 31-station net a couple of years ago, with most of the stations in the Midwest, but with a few main city outlets in other areas...... If the networks wanted to develop a program similar to the one suggested by Weaver (and this is the strength of Weaver's plan), It would be possible for they can only go into what is now marginal network time. any network to have its divisions prepare shows with a particular regional or special flavor covering one group of stations on behalf of special sponsors, and at the same time have other limited net packages for other stations in the same time slots, depending on the splits in time zones. NBC used this answer last year when its Red Barber's Corner was linked with Meet the Champions in the same Friday night spot, but the Champions was seen only over a limited New York State network.

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Another aspect of special program services that hasn't slipped by any of the independents or net station affiliates, is the importance of the tape recorder as the answer to eliminating a step-down in quality in recording programs for delayed telecast. The tape recorder, whether it comes from Ampex or any other producer, will be the first positive answer to flattening those time zone problems that are sure to bedevil any one trying a cream market approach -- if sponsors want the two top markets that are on the Pacific Coast: Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Mike Wallace, whose new ABC Sunday night net show starts April 28, will remain with the local New York Night Beat program over WABD until May 31 and will also continue as a newscaster on that station until Oct 7.....Rountree Productions, Inc., wants to branch out into psychic phenomena for a new package and is planning a half-hour film series that would examine in detail some of the many "authentic haunted houses" said to exist in the New York and New Jersey area. If it goes, the series would also include some of the more famous haunted locales of Europe.....Anthony Boucher, noted mystery writer and suspense and mystery book critic for The New York Times Book Review (also a well-known science fiction writer and critic), has been signed as consultant on original script material for Crisis, the new one-hour live or film series debuting on NBC in the fall. The series will include 10 stories produced on film by Alfred Hitchcock, with MCA-Revue Productions handling the rest of the 42-program package, including 10 more on film and 22 live and in color.

The new CBS series starring Richard Boone, Have Gun -- Will Travel, slated for Saturdays, 9:30-10pm NYT in the fall, will be produced by Julian Claman and directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. Most interesting part of the storyline for the new film series is that Boone will portray a character named Paladin, "a well-bred soldier of fortune who at one time followed a career as a West Point-trained officer." Romantic history notes that the paladins were the Twelve Peers of Charlemagne with the term usually applied to any hero or knight-errant. Roland was the most famous of the paladins -- and this might give you an idea of the course that will be taken by a fast man with the gun on the loose in the West......David Dortort will be producer of Restless Gun (formerly Six Shooter), the film series starring John Payne, to be seen over NBC in the fall. Production will be through Revue Productions at Republic Studios. The series is jointly owned by John Payne and MCA, with Payne as exec producer......David Heilweill is now producer of Richard Diamond, replacing Richard Carr after four of the films had been shot. The Dick Powell-owned series is set for a summer berth......Date With the Angels, starring Betty White and Bill Williams, originally planned as a summer replacement film series, starts on ABC May 10, Fridays, 10-10:30pm EDT, for Plymouth, with the possibility that it may stay around for next It's a Don Fedderson production being filmed at Desilu.

Milton Berle was quoted last week by The Hollywood Reporter as saying in Las Vegas that "TV holds no attraction for me," adding that although NBC wants him to go ahead with Follow That Man, the filmed pilot he recently completed with Sheldon Reynolds producing, he doesn't think that he will. A capsule critique of present-day TV included the statement that the performer is at the "ruthless mercy" of mechanics, split-second timing, Madison Ave., and "expensive writers and guest star artists who have been exposed too much."

The Arthur Godfrey Show, seen Wednesdays, 8-9pm NYT over the CBS net since January 12, 1949, will go off after its June 26 telecast and will not return in the fall.

......National Biscuit Co thru Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc(NY) has renewed The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin for two more years. The company has sponsored the Screen Gems series since it debuted over ABC in October, 1954.....NBC signed Charles Van Doren to a long term agreement for all the quiz star's radio and TV services. He will act as a consultant and also create new program ideas for NBC.



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### THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

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Monday(April 22)

NBC- 2-2:30pm EST; SPECIAL - Address by Secretary of State Dulles - LIVE from WRCA-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- NBC Public Affairs(NY); Prod- Doris Corwith; Dir- Max Miller. § A foreign policy address by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the annual luncheon meeting of the Associated Press, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. The program preempts the 2-2:30pm portion of Club 60 this day only.

### Sunday (April 28) - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

ABC- 9-lopm EDT; SPECIAL - The Kate Smith Hour - LIVE from WABC-TV(NY), 105 stations live and kine. § Sponsor- Youngstown Kitchens Division, American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp thru Grey Advertising Agency, Inc(NY); Acct Exec- John Rigor; Comm Anner- Kate Smith (live), also film commls. § Pkgr-Ted Collins(NY); Prod-Ted Collins; Dir-Greg Garrison; Writer- Gordon Auchincles; Prog Anner- Andre Baruch; Music Dir- Jack Miller. § Special one-hour variety show which will mark Miss Smith's 25th anniversary as an entertainer (and also launch a new Youngstown Kitchens line), with Miss Smith as m.c. and star of the show. (See page D for cast credits). The program preempts Ted Mack and the Original Amateur Hour, this day only.

ABC- 10-10:30pm EDT; DEBUT - The Mike Wallace Interview - LIVE from WABC-TV(NY), approx 50 stations live and kine. § Sponsor- Philip Morris, Inc (Philip Morris Cigarettes) thru N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc(NY); Acct Exec- George Reese. § Pkgr- Newsmaker Productions, Inc(NY); Prod- Ted Yates, Jr.; Dir- Jack Sameth; Researcher- Al Ramrus; Prog Anner- Mike Wallace. § Candid, unrehearsed interviews, with Mike Wallace questioning interesting personalities. The program succeeds All About Music (last show April 21), three-program series (see page 23)

## OTHER NETWORK CHANGES & ADDITIONS

ABC- Open Hearing; RETURN April 21; Sun, 5:30-6pm EST; LIVE from WABC-TV(NY) & WMAL-TV(Wash), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr- ABC News(Wash); Superv by- John Secondari. § News and interviews concerning the week's top news story, with John Secondari as moderator for ABC Washington commentators. The program had previously been seen Sundays, 8:30-9pm EST and left the air temporarily after its March 31 program.

NBC- The 77th Bengal Lancers (Sun, 7-7:30pm EST) Re-runs of films begin April 21.

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# TALENT SHOWSHEET APRIL 19 - APRIL 28

Most of the shows on April 19,20,21, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, April 26. Script identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Generally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names of extra actors are available.

### SATURDAY APRIL 20

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET	CBS 10am	Light From Light; (0) Nicholas Andromedas; with William Shatner, Betty Miller, Mark Lenard, John Ragin, Jane Dudley(D), Mary Anthony(D); Dir - Roger Englander.
LOOK UP & LIVE	CBS 10:30am	The Easter Vigil; (0) Gene Hurley; Ancient religious ceremony at the Maryknoll Seminary in Ossinig, N.Y.; Dir-Marvin Silbersher.
Circus Boy	NBC 7:30pm	The Cub Reporter; with regulars & Noreen Corcoran, Brad Johnson, James Seay, Kirby Smith, Elaine Haslett; (SW&SD).
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	ADD: Donald O'Connor(D), Buster Keaton(C).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 6pm	ADD: Mickey Rooney(A), Eleanor Steber(S), Betty Walker (monologist).
ALL ABOUT MUSIC (Milton Cross)	ABC 10pm	The Evolution of Jazz And The Blues; with Lawrence Winters (S), Leontyne Watts(S), Nelle Fisher & Dancers, Paul Whiteman(M), Bobby Hackett(M), Billy Butterfield(M), "Peanuts" Hucko(M), Vernon Brown(M).
Loretta Young Show	NBC 10pm	The Legacy; (0) Pauline Stone; with Miss Young, John New- land, Tita Purdom, Walter Kingsford, Mary C. Ker, George

Eldredge; Dir - John Newland.

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Wire Service (George Brent)	ABC 7:30pm	The Oil Man; (O) David Chandler & Lowell Barrington; (A) Lowell Barrington; with Mr. Brent, Harry Carey, Jr., Emlen Davies, Harry Shannon, Joe di Reda; Dir - Tom Gries.
Adventures of Robin Hood (Richard Greene)	CBS 7:30pm	Food For Thought; with regulars & Charles Lloyd Pack, John Sharplin; (SW&SD).
Tales of Wells Fargo (Dale Robertson)	NBC 8:30pm	A Time To Kill; with Mr. Robertson; (SW&SD). No other information available at press time.
VOICE OF FIRESTONE	ABC 8:30pm	Patrice Munsel(S).
TALENT SCOUTS	CBS 8:30pm	Walter Bamberg(S), Nancy Adams(S), Alan Marlo(M).
I Love Lucy	CBS 9pm	with regulars & Barbara Eden; (SW&SD).
TOP TUNES & NEW TALENT(Lawrence Welk)	ABC 9:30pm	Pete Fountain(M), Mary Ann Ritzke(M), Andre Philippe(S), Ginger Hulet & Dean Anderson(M).
December Bride (Spring Byington)	CBS 9:30pm	Song Plugging; with regulars & Sandor Szabo, Sandra Gould, Sid Melton, Fuzzy Knight, Dave Sharp, Dick Crockett, Bob Hoy; (SW&SD).
ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS	NBC 9:30pm	The Trial of Pontius Pilate; (0) Robert E. Sherwood; with Bruce Gordon, Maria Palmer, Max Adrian, House Jameson, Richard Marian, John Kollogg, Pichard Nicholls, Astrid Wilsrud;

Dir - John Newland.

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	THURSDAY mpummanamana	
Sgt. Preston (Richard Simmons)	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Kasey Rogers, Will White, Dan Blocker, Frank Scannel, John Ayers; (SW&SD).
CIRCUS TIME	ABC 8pm	Francis Brunn(juggler), Remos Toy Boys(novelty), Marquis Family Chimps, Betty Ann Grove(S), Dell Vikings(S).
Bob Cummings Show	CBS 8pm	Bob Meets Miss Sweden; with regulars & Nancy Kulp, Kathleen Freeman, Ingrid Goude, Gordon Scott; (SW&SD).
CLIMAX! (Bill Lundigan)	CBS 8:30pm	Avalanche At Devil's Pass; (0) Eileen & Robert Mason Pollock; with John Ireland, Wanda Hendrix, Vincent Price, Edgar Buchanan, Judith Evelyn; Dir - Jack Smight.
Danny Thomas Show	ABC 9pm	Danny's Proposal; with regulars & Marjorie Lord; (SW&SD).
The People's Choice (Jackie Cooper)	NBC 9pm	with regulars & Ross Elliot; (SW&SD).
Pláyhouse 90	CBS 9:30pm	Four Women In Black; (0) Fernard Girard; with Helen Hayes, Ralph Meeker, Katy Jurado, Janice Rule, Lita Milan, Narda Onyx; Dir - Bernard Girard.
THE FORD SHOW	NBC 9:30pm	Cesar Romero(A).
Telephone Time (John Nesbitt)	ABC 10pm	Rabbi On Wheels; (O) Norman Lessing; with Hugo Haas, Leonid Kinsky, Douglas Dumbrille, Jack Mulhall; Dir - Hugo Haas.
LUX VIDEO THEATRE (Gordon MacRae)	NBC lOpm	The Man Who Played God; (0) Governeur Morris; (A) Paul Frank- lin; with Eoris Karloff, Mary Astor, June Lockhart; Dir - David McDearmon.
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Adventures of Rin- Tin-Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:30pm	Bitter Medicine; with regulars & Billy Miller, Jan Arvan, Peter Mamakos, George J. Lewis; (SW&SD).
Adventures of Jim Bowie (Scott Forbes)	ABC Epm	The Intruder; with regulars & Lee Erickson, Joyce Vander- veen, Harry Lauter; (SW&SD).
Crossroads	ABC 8:30pm	Jhonakehunga (cq) - Called John; with Hugh Marlowe, Pat Hogan; (0) Tom Reed.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	Three Graves; (0) Norman Daniels; (A) John McGreevey; with Jack Lemmon, Nan Leslie, Frank Ferguson, James Best, Terry Frost, Don Kennedy, Richard Cutting, Pat Collins, Michael Collows: Pir John Fredish

CBS 9pm Foreign Actress; with regulars & Pat Donahue; (SW&SD). Mr. Adams & Eve (Ida Lupino, Howard Duff)

ABC 9:30pm Bullets For Saber; with regulars & Garry Thorne, Tony Quinn, (Donald Gray) Robert Ayres; (SW&SD).

Galloway; Dir - John English.

Schlitz Playhouse Hey, Mac!; (0) Frank Butler; with Gary Merrill, Sue George, CBS 9:30pm Marion Marsh, Gordon Gebert, Vito Scotti, Richard Crockett, Boyd Stockman, Ralph Votrian; Dir - James Neilson,

Matt Conklin; Reporter: Sherman (Texas) Democrat; (A) Jerry BIG STORY NBC 9:30pm Coopersmith; with Ed Bryce, Edgar Stehli. (Ben Grauer)

The Robert Avery Case; with regulars & Russ Conway, John The Lineup CBS 10pm Close, Chester Stratton, Carol Nugent, Walter Coy; (SW&SD). (Warner Anderson)

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Eddy Arnold(S), will be a guest for the entire week.

GARRY MOORE SHOW 4/22 - June Carter(S); 4/25 - Skeet Stokes(C); 4/26 -CBS 10am Martha Davis & Spouse(M), Bruce & Babe Sidlinger(trampoline).

CLUB 60 NBC 1:30pm 4/23 - Ted Fiorito(M); 4/24 - Eddie Peabody(M); 4/25 -Mel Torme(S); 4/26 - The Salty Dogs(M).

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# MULTIPLE & ACROSS-THE-BOARD SHOWS(Cont<sup>†</sup>d)

NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC 3pm	4/22 - Winter In April; (0) Robert Nathan; 4/23 - Arms And The Man; (0) George Bernard Shaw; 4/24 - The Push-over; (0) Harriet Frank, Jr.; (A) William McCleery; 4/25-Ashes In The Wind; (0) Mac Shoub; 4/26 - A Hat, A Coat, A Glove; (0) Luther Reed, Monique Jean.
MODERN ROMANCES (Martha Scott)	NBC 4:45pm	Talking To The Blues; (0) Michelle Cousin; with Jim Lowe (S-A), Loretta Leversee, Lee Bergere, Sam Gray, Ron Dawson.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC 11:15pm	4/23 - Duke Ellington(M), Gerry Mulligan(M), Oscar Petti- ford(M), Max Roach(M), Paul Chambers(M), Milt Jackson(M), Quincy Jones(M), Jimmy Cleveland(M), Art Blakley(M), Harry Carney(M).
		APRIL 27
TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC 12N	The Note; (0) Michael Morris; with Lester Fenway, Meg Mundy.
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC 8pm	Frankie Laine(S), Red Buttons(C).
OZARK JUBILEE	ABC 10pm	Gene Vincent & His Blue caps(S).
Gun smo ke	CBS 10pm	with regulars & Vic Perrin, Robert Karnes, Robert Burton; (SW&SD).
GEORGE GOBEL SHOW	NBC 10pm	Johnny Puleo & His Harmonica Gang(M-C).
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LAMP UNTO MY FEET	CBS 10am	Whosever In His Heart; (0) Lois McCullough Vicas; no other information available at press time.
LOOK UP & LIVE	CBS 10;30pm	The Sermon On The Mount; Biblical story narrated by Msgr. John J. Dougherty,
77th Bengal Lancers	NBC 7pm	The Hostage; Re-run.
Circus Boy	NBC 7:30pm	General Pete; with regulars & Edward Cassidy, Lee Trent; (SW&SD).
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	Lena Horne(S), Tony Perkins(A), Bill Haley & His Comets(M), George De Witt(C), Jack Parr(C).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 8pm	Brenda Lee(S), Don Adams(C), Jack Carson(C), Xavier Cugat(M) Abbe Lane(S).
THE KATE SMITH HOUR	ABC 9pm	Benny Goodman & Orch., Boris Karloff(A), Billy Williams Quartet(S), Edgar Bergen & Charlie McCarthy, Gertrude Berg (A), Ed Wynn(C), Jack Miller & Orch.; (O) Gordon Auchincloss; Dir - Greg Garrison.
General Electric Theatre (Ronald Reagan)	CBS 9pm	I Will Not Die; (0) Larry Marcus; (A) Gabrielle Upton, Larry Marcus; with Merle Oberon, Jacques Bergerac, Carl Benton Reid, John Hoyt, Dayton Lumis, Helen Wallace, Stella Lynn; Dir - Robert Florey.
ALCOA HOUR	NBC 9pm	Mechanical Manhunt; (0) Harold Swanton; with Richard Kiley, Sallie Brophy, Lois Bolton, Victor Thorley, Ward Costello, Leora Thatcher, Parker McCormick, Janet Fox; Dir - Paul Stanley.
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	CBS 9:30pm	The Night The World Ended; (0) Frederic Brown; (A) Bernard C. Schoenfield; with Russell Collins, Harold Stone; Dir - Justus Addiss.
Lorett Young Show	NBC 10pm	The Man On Top; (0) Loring Dowst; (A) Lowell S. Hawley; with Ricardo Montalban, Harry Townes, Maurice Manson, Clark Howat, Harry Arnie; Dir - Norman Foster.

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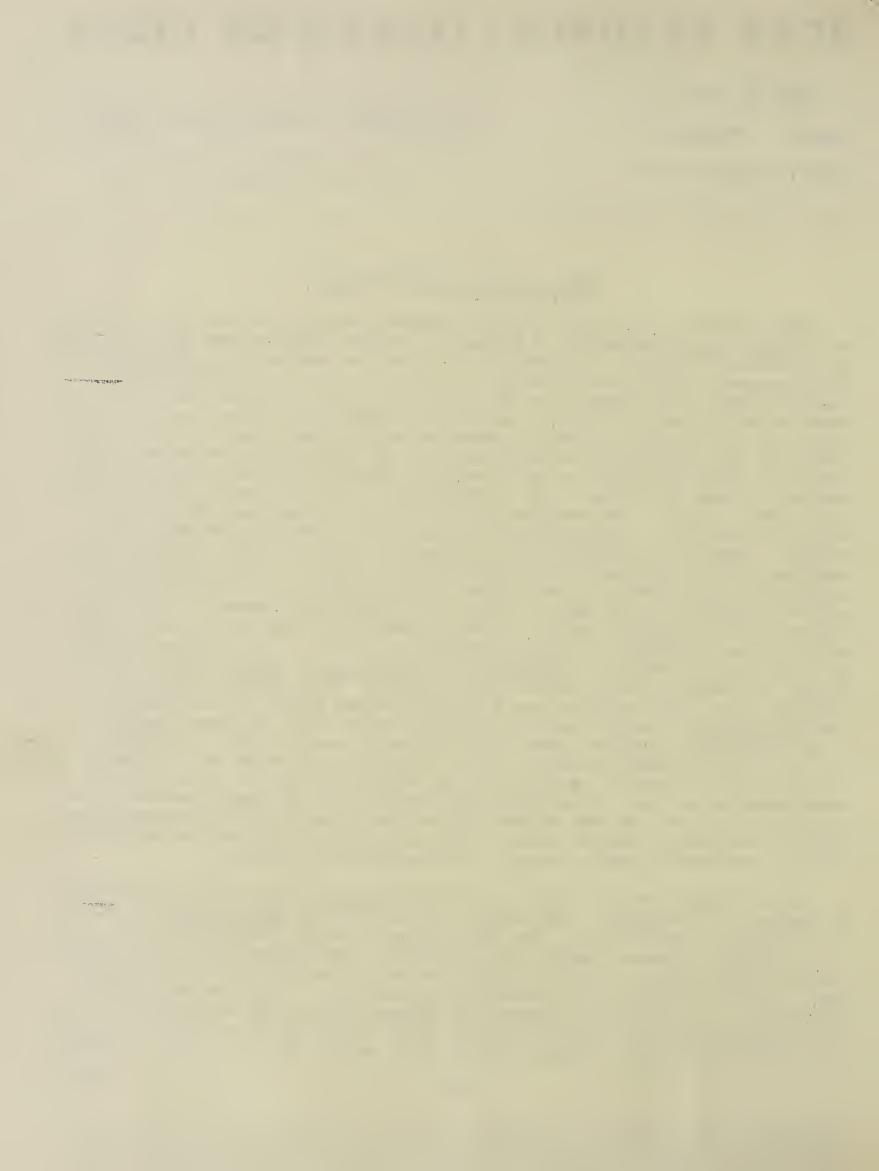
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Warner-Lambert, Inc., thru Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, Inc., will sponsor The Restless Gun on Mondays, 8-8:30pm NYT over NBC, starting Sept 23 for 52 weeks and will also be alternate week sponsor of a nighttime version of Tic Tac Dough over NBC, Thursdays, 7:30-8pm NYT, starting Sept 12 for 52 weeks. The Restless Gun, starring John Payne as Biff Ponset "one of the fastest gunmen in the post-Civil War West. Known as the Six Shooter, Ponset is an itinerant cowhand who drifts from town to town riding the cattle drives and meeting adventure at every stop along the way." As an added note, The Restless Gun is described by NBC as "an adult Western series." In connection with this question of adult Westerns, NBC president Bob Sarnoff sticks his neck out for some TV critics in his second letter to radio-TV editors (informal comment, dated April 19). The nets are all conscious that programming plans for the fall seem to suggest a preponderance of Westerns. Mr. Sarnoff states the problem "There is no question that the Western show is in vogue. ABC has built consistent audience strength this season with its Westerns. CBS has also found substantial favor with them. We came in late with Wells Fargo, but it has more than doubled the audience of the previous show in the Sunday night period". (The latter was the ill-fated Stanley, the live situation comedy that never recovered from its early critical pasting). Mr. Sarnoff goes on to say that, of 29 nighttime programs set only three are Westerns -- Wagon Train, Wells Fargo and Restless Gun. He adds, "We are now looking at the pilot of a fourth series. If it makes it, out total of Westerns -- and incidentally, we see a great difference between an adult Western like Wagon Train and routine cowboy-Indian fare -- will still represent less than 15 per cent of the nighttime schedule and will hardly saturate it." In rebuttal, the critics will probably be happy to point out that no matter how many pilots for Western series are "adult," when you get into a 39-week production season, at the going rates for scripts on a half-hour film series, the films become less adult and more Western; whether the star is Ward Bond or John Payne, whether the series is one hour or a half-hour in episode length. Only rousing action will hold an audience and blood and thunder seems to satisfy the urge that builds ratings.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co will move its Bob Cummings Show to NBC starting Sept 24, Tuesdays, 9:30-lopm NYT. The company will probably put Harbor Master, a new Ziv series starring Barry Sullivan, into the Cummings' Thursday, 8-8:30pm NYT slot on CBS. .....Cheyenne, alternate Tuesday ABC one-hour film series from Warners, has been renewed by General Electric for next season, and will probably alternate with Sugarfoot, with the current alternate week Conflict going off. Warner Brothers TV Div also signed Carroll Case as a producer and assigned him to a new one-hour film series titled, The Texan, which would make four one-hour Western series on the Warner slate for the fall. Maverick, previously announced, is set for ABC if a sponsor so decides.

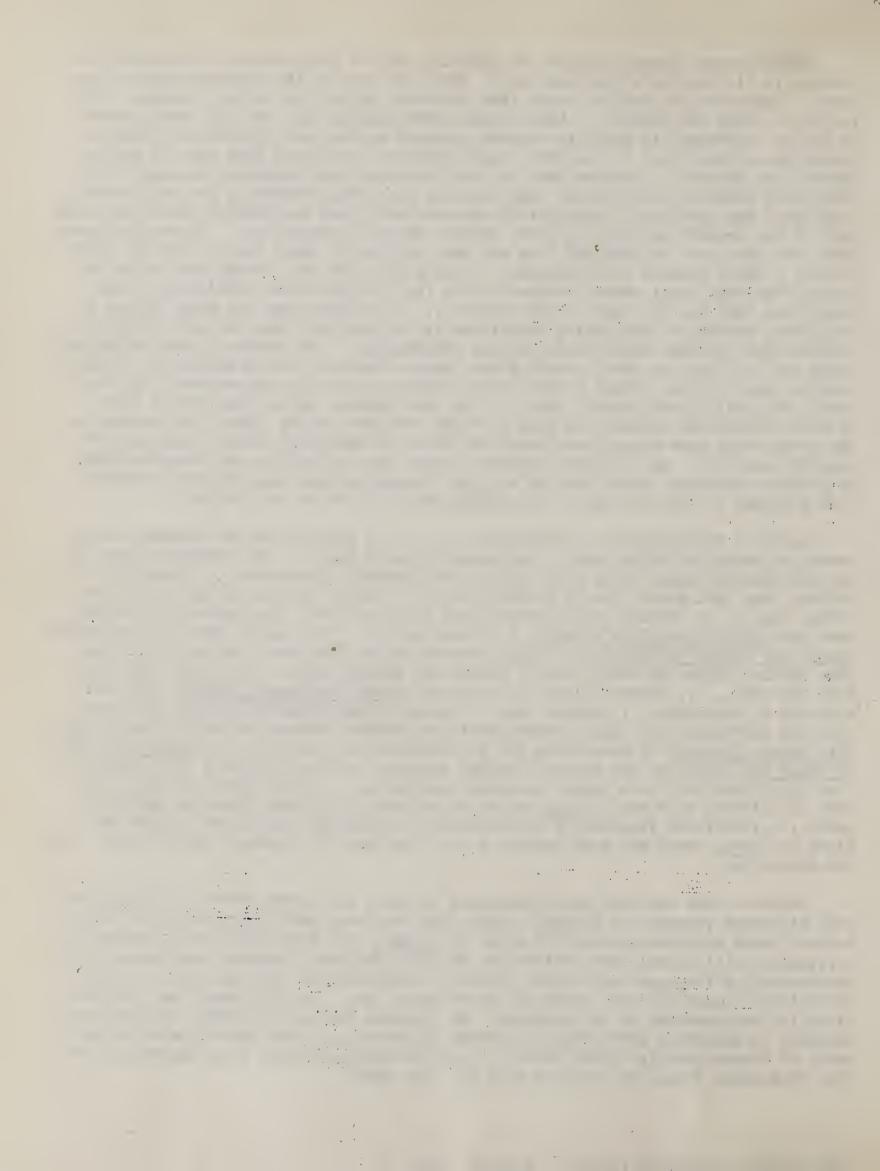
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Clark George, general manager of KNXT(LA), sent a frank letter to newspaper log editors in his station's area last week. Here are some of the important points covered: "The states on Pacific Coast time represent 11% of the nation's homes....two factors -- time and numbers -- have always worked against the Pacific Coast viewer as far as receiving his favorite network programs at the most appropriate times is concerned ... Thus, here in the West, adult dramatic shows have been seen in family comedy time periods. Programs have in some instances been scheduled on nights other than their normal release dates, some programs have been delayed as much as a week ... .. Further, the quality of reproduction has been such that the Western viewer has seen much of his network programming under adverse physical conditions." After explaining that with the start of Daylight Time and the full use of Ampex tape recorders, there will be a major program re-arrangement starting April 28, Mr. George goes on to explain, "The West Coast overall audience size for television has consistently been lower than that for the rest of the country....we believe that the major factor in this lower number of homes using television in the West has been the scheduling and reproduction problems surrounding network programming." Mr. George is not saying anything new, but only on rare occasions has anyone connected with a network or network station admitted that unless a West Coast program was on film transmitted from the coast, the quality was frankly lousy -- and lost viewers rather than gained them. It also reveals the weakness in many of those peculiar rating claims for programs on the coast which have always been based on "share of audience" rather than share of possible audience. One season's experience with tape recording, and the adjustment of program schedules, could lead to a slight revival of the more flexibly produced live programs to replace some of the filmed mediocrities now on the air.

Gillette Safety Razor Co thru Maxon, Inc., will sponsor the CBS telecasts this season of racing's Triple Crown: The Kentucky Derby (May 4), The Preakness (May 18) and the Belmont Stakes (June 15). All are on Saturday afternoons.....Breast-0-Chicken Tuna thru Foote, Cone & Belding(LA) will sponsor its second NBC spec on Saturday, June 15, a one-hour live variety show from New York. The sponsor's previous show was Maurice Chevalier's Paris, a filmed special. The June 15 show will be titled RCA Victor Galaxy of Stars, with Vaughn Monroe as host and star, and also starring Tony Martin, Julius La Rosa, Jaye P. Morgan and Georgia Gibbs. Joe Cates will produce the show......Norman Felton will produce Studio One Summer Theatre this year, starting in late June ..... Screen Gems is going to take advantage of the costumes, location experience and other paraphernalia accumulated during the production of The 77th Bengal Lancers, by announcing for production a new series called The Adventures of Gunga Din, based on the poem by Rudyard Kipling. William Sackheim will supervise pre-production for a summer shooting schedule..... Screen Gems will also produce 26 episodes of a new Ivanhoe series in England, with Roger Moore in the title role.....Television Programs of America starts production June 15 of another 26 films for Fury, which has been renewed for a third year by sponsors General Foods and the Borden Co.



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### THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday (May 4)

ABC-7:30-8pm EDT; SPECIAL - The Rock 'n' Roll Revue - LIVE from WABC-TV(NY), to the net. § Sustaining. § Pkgr-General Artists Corp(NY); Prod-Fred Heider; Dir-Cort Steen; Asst Dir-George Patrick. § Alan Freed is m.c. and leads the orchestra for this special program featuring a mixture of pop singers and rock and roll performers. (See page D for cast credits). The program will be repeated on May 11, same time, with Alan Freed as m.c. and a new slate of performers. The programs replace the first half-hour of Famous Film Festival.

CBS- 11-11:30am EDT; DEBUT - Susan's Show - LIVE from WBBM-TV(Chi), to the net.

§ Sustaining. § Pkgr- WBBM-TV(Chi); Prod- Frank Atlass; Dir- Barry McKinley; Sets- Jerry Pinsler. § Twelve-year-old Susan Heinkel is the star of
the program, leading her audiences from the land of reality (her mother's kitchen), to a "fantasyland" where she becomes involved in adventures. (The show is
an expanded version of the program of the same name, seen Mon thru Fri, 4-4:30pm,
over WBBM-TV, locally in Chicago). The program replaces Winky Dink and You (last
show April 27) in the time spot.

CBS-5:15-5:45pm EDT; SPECIAL - Kentucky Derby - LIVE from WHAS-TV(Louisville), 185 U. S. stations live(16 Canada). § Sponsor-Gillette Safety Razor Co., Div of The Gillette Co., thru Maxon, Inc(Detroit); Acct Exec-M. F. Mahoney(NY); Comm Anner-Bryan Field. § Pkgr-CBS Sports(NY); Prod & Dir-Judson Bailey. § Telecast of the 83rd running of the Kentucky Derby, from Churchill Downs, Ky., with Bryan Field describing the running of the race and Fred Capassela and Fhil Sutterfield handling color and interviews. The race telecast will be preceded by Kentucky Derby Preview, 5-5:15pm EDT, with Mr. Brownie Leach interviewing newspaper racing writers.

Sunday (May 5)

NBC-4-5:30pm EDT; SPECIAL - Call to Freedom - FILM from WRCA-TV(NY) & KRCA-TV (LA), to the net. § Sustaining. § Repeat showing of the "Project 20" program originally seen on Producers' Showcase, Jan 7, 1957 (See page 4). The repeated program will have Charles Van Doren as host and commentator. The program replaces Ray Bolger's Washington Square, which moves to various evening times, starting May 9. The Bolger show has been alternating with Wide Wide World.

### THIS WEEK -- REGULAR NETWORK SPECIALS

NBC- Producers' Showcase (Every 4th Mon, 8-9:30pm NYT) April 29; "Cinderella," presented by the Royal Ballet (formerly Sadler's Wells Ballet), starring Mergot Fonteyn; (See page A for cast and production credits); LIVE (COLOR) from WRCA-TV (NY).

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### TALENT SHOWSHEET APRIL 26 - MAY 5

Most of the shows on April 26,27,28, were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, May 3. Script identifications used are: (0) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SD) Staff-directed, (SW) Staff-written. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer(D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined.

Generally, only first runs of a film series are listed. Running character series (not anthology) usually staff-written shows, and other programs which use regulars, are listed only when the names of extra actors are available.

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Joseph Cotten Show On Trial!	NBC	9pm	Alibi For Murder; with Macdonald Carey.
		SATURDAY APR	
TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC	12N	DELETE: Lester Fenway; ADD: Richard Derr, who will play the part of Lester Fenway.
JACKIE GLEASON SHOW	CBS	8pm	ADD: Joey Adams(C), Al Kelly(C), Teresa Brewer(S).
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC	8pm	ADD: Peggy King(S).
	1	SUNDAY APRIL	28 mmm
CAMERA THREE	CBS	11:30am	The Enemies; (0) Anton Chekhov; with Richard Waring, Michael Strong; Song Without Words; (0) Frank O'Connor; with Farrell Pelly, Bryan Herbert; Dir - Clay Yurdin.
FRONTIERS OF FAITH- CATHOLIC HOUR	NBC	1:30pm	Family U.S.A.; (0) Robert Crean.
ODYSSEY	CBS	5pm	The Arab World; (0) James Benjamin; with Eric Johnston; Dir - Roger Englander.
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	ÇBS	8pm	ADD: Alfred Apaka(S), The Happy Jesters(C-S).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC	8pm	ADD: Peter Gennaro(D), Ellen Ray(D).
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ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS	NBC 9:30pm	The New World; (0) Dr. Arthur H. Compton(Atomic Quest); (A) Sebastian Simms; with Philip Bourneuf, Melville Ruick, Lawrence Fletcher, Guy Sorel, John Shellie, Mark Miller; Dir - Tad Danielewski.
STUDIO ONE	CBS 10pm	Eight Feet To Midnight; (0) Marc Brandel; with Edward Mulhare, Pat Henning, Constance Ford, Deirde Owens, Tom Clancy, Dermot McNamara, John McLiam; Dir - Tom Donovan.
	TUE SDAY APRI	
Conflict	ABC 7:30pm	No Man's Road; (0) John Wells; (A) Robert Schaefer, Eric Freiwald; With Dennis Hopper, Rafael Campos, Jody McCrea, Karen Sharpe; Dir - Leslie H. Martinson.
JONATHAN WINTERS SHOW	NBC 7:30pm	Eydie Gorme(S).
Phil Silvers Show	CBS 8pm	with regulars & Biff McGuire, Constance Ford; (SW&SD).
ARTHUR MURRAY PARTY	NBC 8pm	Helen Hayes, James MacArthur, Sam Levenson(C), Don Ame- che, Carol Bennett(S).
Wyatt Earp (Hugh O'Brian)	ABC 8:30pm	The Beautiful Friendship; with regulars & Henry Rowland, Dennis Moore, Paul Brinegar; (SW&SD).
Panic!	NBC 8:30pm	Marooned; with James Mason, Pamela Mason, Portland Mason, Alexander Mason.
Broken Arrow	ABC 9pm	The Archeologist; with regulars & Arthur Hanson, Antony Eustrel, Richard Hale, Alex Montoya; (SW&SD).
Jane Wyman Show	NBC 9pm	The Man in the Car; with Miss Wyman, Craig Stevens.
DuPont Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	Chicago 212; with Frank Loyejoy, Roy Thinnes, Tomi Thurston, Franklyn MacCormack; (0) William P. Rousseau.
RED SKELTON SHOW	CBS 9:30pm	Arnold Stang(C), Lina Romay(S).
ARMSTRONG CIRCLE THE ATRE	NBC 9:30pm	Night Court; (0) Art Wallace; with David White, June Dayton, Wesley Law, Dennis Patrick; Dir - William Corrigan.
IT'S POLKA TIME	ABC 10pm	The Ukrinian Youth Folk Dancers.
SPIKE JONES SHOW	CBS 10:30pm	Nelson Eddy.
	WEDNESDAY MA	
Navy Log	ABC 8:30pm	Nightmare Off Brooklyn; with Ross Elliott, Richard Crane, Richard Deacon, Patti Gallagher.
Father Knows Best (Robert Young)	NBC 8:30pm	Baby In The House; with regulars & Gloria Henry, Michael Emmet; (SW&SD).
Millionaire (Marvin Miller)	CBS 9pm	The Story of Hub Grimes; with Chuck Connors, Nicola Michaels, Maudie Prickett, Simon Scott, Katherine Barrett, Molly McArt; (SW&SD).
KRAFT THEATRE	NBC 9pm	Drummer Man; (0) Mel Goldberg; with Sal Mineo, Robert Emhardt, Mike Kellin, Ruda Michelle; Dir - Billy Graham.
Ford Theatre	ABC 9:30pm	Strange Disappearance; (0) Jack Harvey; with Stephen McNally, June Vincent, Peggy Knudsen, William Roerick, Alexander Lockwood, Hugh Sanders, Bing Russell, Ellie Kent; Dir - Arthur Hiller.
20th Century Fox Hour	CBS 10pm	Deep Water; (0) Oscar Millard; with Ralph Meeker, James Whitmore, Richard Arlen, Steve Mitchell, Charles Tannen; Dir - Roy Del Ruth.

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# THURSDAY MAY 2

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Sgt. Preston of Yukon	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Betty Farrington, George Crise, William Boyett, John Mitchum; (SW&SD).
CIRCUS TIME	ABC 8pm	Viggo Jahn(magic), The Valenos(acro), Betty Ann Grove(S), Ted Kluszewski(baseball), Alan Dale(S).
CLIMAX! (Bill Lundigan)	CBS 8:30pm	Strange Deaths At Burnleigh; (0) Charles Larson; with Michael Rennie, Joan Tetzel, Cedric Hardwicke; Dir - Buzz Kulik.
Danny Thomas Show	ABC 9pm	Den Mother; with regulars & Rita Lynn, Shirley Mitchell, Evelyn Scott, Madge Meredith; (SW&SD).
PLAYHOUSE 90	CBS 9:30pm	Child Of Trouble; (0) Selma Robinson; (A) James P. Cavanagh; with Patty McCormack, Ricardo Montalban, Joan Blondell, Lillian Roth, Chester Morris, Richard Arlen; Dir - Paul Nickell.
THE FORD SHOW	NBC 9:30pm	Marilyn Maxwell(S).
Telephone Time (John Nesbitt)	ABC 10pm	Diamond Peer; (Q) Joseph Landon; with Tom Hellmore, Jean Byron; Dir - Lewis Allen.
LUX VIDEO THEATRE (Gordon MacRae)	NBC 10pm	The Hard Way; (0) Daniel Fuchs, Peter Viertel; (A) San- ford Barnett; with Ann Sheridan, Steve Dunne; Dir - Richard Goode.
	FRIDAY MAY	3 m
Adventures of Rin- Tin-Tin(Lee Aaker)	ABC 7:30pm	Corporal Carson; with regulars & Tommy Farrell, Jerry Eskow, Jan Arvan; (SW&SD).
West Point	CBS 8pm	Flareup; with Peter Baldwin, Jerry Charlebois, Rad Fulton, Gary Vinson.
Crossroads	ABC 8:30pm	The Wreath; (0) George Bruce; with David Brian, Edith Evanson, James Lydon, Irving Bacon, Frank Wilcox, John Dierkes, Jim Kirkwood, G. Pat Collins, Barbara Kay, Donala Towers.
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre	CBS 8:30pm	Badge Of Honor; (0) John Robinson; with Gary Merrill, Tom Tully, Robert Culp, Peggy Webber, Dick Gardner, Mike Ragan, Walter Coy, Bill Henry, Bill Leicester, Richard Devon; Dir - Arthur Hiller.
Mr. Adams & Eve (Howard Duff, Ida Lupino	CBS 9pm	with regulars & Edgar Barrier; (SW&SD).
Joseph Cotten Show On Trial!	NBC 9pm	The Case of the Absent Man; with Mr. Cotten, Maggle Hayes.
The Vise (Donald Gray)	ABC'9:30pm	Death In A Flask; with regulars & Joy Webster, Eleanor Fazan; (SW&SD).
Schlitz Playhouse	CBS 9:30pm	The Traveling Corpse; (0) Norman Matson; (A) Joel Murcott; with Dennis O'Keefe, John Baragrey, Leora Dana, Gertrude Michael, Anthony Eustrel, Jane Buchanan, Fred Kruger, Ferdi Hoffman, Rudy Solari, Robert Anderson, Betty Woods, Bobby Ellis; Dir - James Neilson.
BIG STORY (Ben Grauer)	NBC 9:30pm	Louis B. Seltzer; Editor: Cleveland(Ohio) Press; (0) Leon Tokatyan; with Donald Madden, Joseph Sweeney.
The Lineup (Warner Anderson)	CBS 10pm	The Transom Burglar Case; with regulars & Clarence Lung, Robert Griffin, Richard Karlin, George Lynn; (SW&SD
	MULTIPLE & ACR	OSS-THE-BOARD SHOWS FRIDAY APRIL 29 - MAY 3
JIMMY DEAN SHOW	CBS 7am	Betty Johnson(S), will be a guest for the entire week.
GARRY MOORE SHOW	CBS 10am	5/1 - Eli Mintz(A); 5/3 - Georgie Kaye(C), Martha Davis & Spouse(M).
CLUB 60	NBC 1:30pm	4/29 - The Rhythm Kings(D); 4/30 - Caesar Giovannini (M); 5/3 - Terri Stevens(S).

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NBC MATINEE THEATRE	NBC 3pm	4/29 - The Professional; (0) Stan Cutler; 4/30 - Guardians of the Temple; (0) Gene Feldman; 5/1 - The Short Safari of Bwana Ben; (0) Stanley Schneider; (A) Nicholas E. Baehr; 5/2 - Church On Monday; (0) Marjorie Duhan Adler; 5/3 - The Gioconda Smile; (0) Aldous Huxley; (A) Anthony Spinner.
MODERN ROMANCES (Martha Scott)	NBC 4:45pm	The Long Night; (0) Bob Corcoran; with Philip Abbott, Staats Cotsworth, Dolores Sutton, Frank Schofield, Marian Winters.
TONIGHT! (Jack Lescoulie)	NBC 11:15pm	5/1 - Joe E. Brown(C); 5/2 - Eddie Condon(M).
	SATURDAY MA	
TRUE STORY (Kathi Norris)	NBC 12N	The Accident; (0) Ben Radin; with William Prince, Dorothy Elder.
The Buccaneers (Robert Shaw)	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Adrienne Corri; (SW&SD).
ROCK 'N' ROLL REVUE	ABC 7:50pm	Alan Freed(MC), Guy Mitchell(S), Sal Mineo(S), June Valli (S), Martha Carson(S), The Clovers(S), The Dell-Vikings (S), "Screamin' Jay" Hawkins(S).
PERRY COMO SHOW	NBC 8pm	Gene Autry, Patti Page(S), Buddy Hackett(C).
OZARK JUBILEE	ABC 10pm	Webb Pierce(S),
GEORGE GOBEL SHOW	NBC 10pm	Erin O'Brien(S), Pat Buttram(A).
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LAMP UNTO MY FEET	CBS 10am	Study of Missionary Work in Haiti; also excerpts from the film Heartbeat of Haiti.
Jack Benny Show	CBS 7:30pm	with regulars & Mel Blanc(A).
Circus Boy	NBC 7:30pm	The Tumbling Clown; with regulars & Emil Sitka; (SW&SD).
ED SULLIVAN SHOW	CBS 8pm	Johnnie Ray(S), Walter Pidgeon(A), The Vagabonds(S-M), James Melton(S), Dewey "Pigmeat"(C).
STEVE ALLEN SHOW	NBC 8pm	The Will Mastin Trio starring Sammy Davis Jr., Jill Corey (S), Orson Welles(A).
General Electric Theatre	CBS 9pm	Angel of Wrath; (0) William Fay; (A) Halsey Melone; with Ray Milland, Howard McNear, Jeanne Bates, Marianne Stewart, Thayer Roberts, Hugh Sanders, K.L. Smith, Sue George; Dir - Ray Milland.
BOB HOPE CHEVY SHOW	NBC 9pm	Dr. Cary Middlecoff, George Jessel, Sonny James(S), Shelley Winters(A), Hy Averback(A), Shirley Falls(A); (O) Lester White, John Rapp, Mort Lachman, Bill Larkin, Charles Lee, Norman Sullivan; Mus - Les Brown; Choreog - Jack Baker; Dir - Jack Shea; LAST SHOW OF SEASON.
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	CBS 9:30pm	The Hands of Mr. Ottermole; (0) Thomas Burke; (A) Francis Cockrell; with Theodore Bikel, Rhys Williams, Barry Harvey, John Trayne, Torin Thatcher, James McCallion, A.E. Gould-Porter, Nora O'Mahony, Nelson Welch, Mollie Roden, Charles Davis, Gerald Hamer, Hilda Plowright; Dir - Robert Stevens.
Loretta Young Show	NBC 10pm	The Countess; (0) Richard Morris; with Miss Young, Law- rence Dobkin, Kenneth Osmond, Watson Downs, Kay Miller; Dir - Richard Morris.

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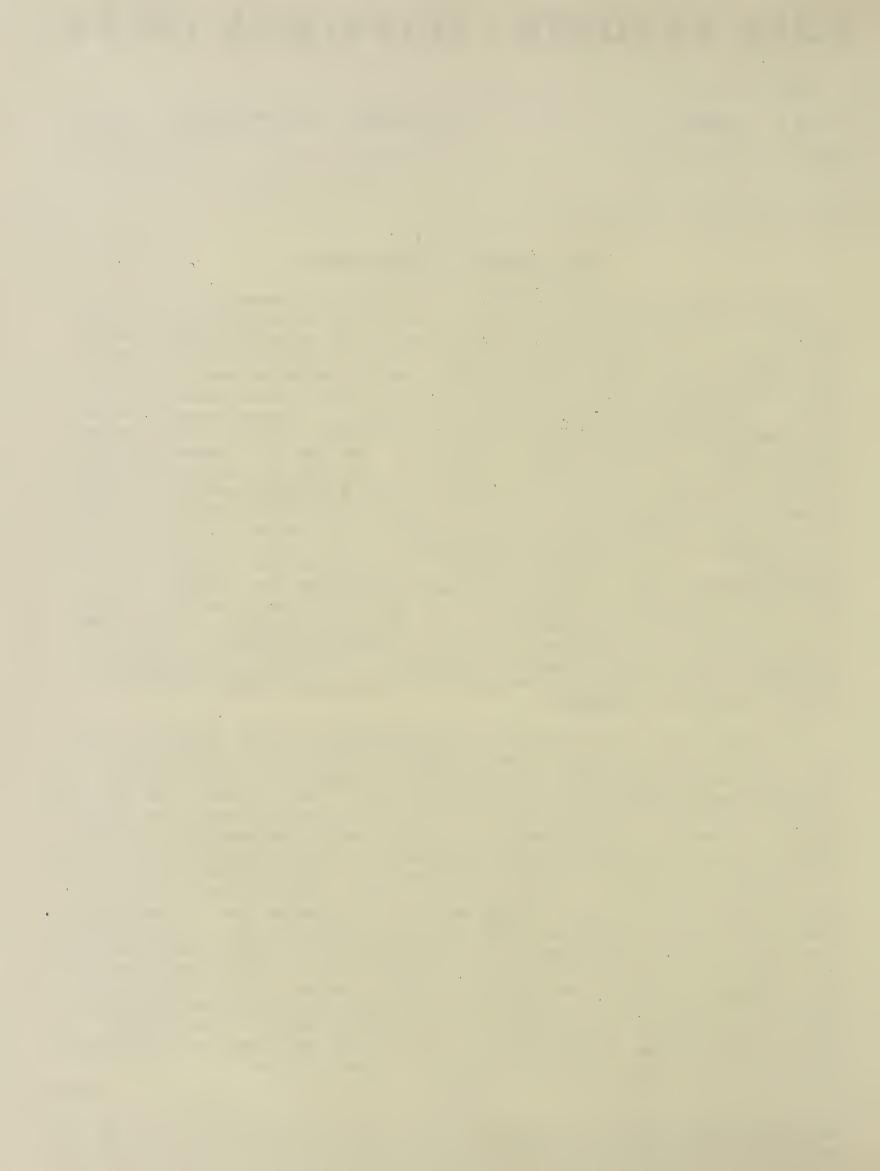
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The U. S. Time Corp (Timex Watches) will sponsor six one-hour Bob Hope variety programs over NBC during the 1957-58 season, with dates and time periods to be announced. U. S. Time has been one of the sponsors of the Steve Allen Show over NBC this season.....Buick Motor Division, GMC, will become alternate week sponsor of Tales of Wells Fargo, Mondays, 8:30-9pm NYT, over NBC, effective Sept 9. American Tobacco continues as alternate week sponsor, with General Foods dropping out for Buick..... Those Whiting Girls return to CBS July 1 as the summer show in the time period now occupied by I Love Lucy, Mondays, 9-9:30pm EDT. General Foods Corp and Procter & Gamble will be alternate week sponsors. The show was a summer replacement for Lucy during the summer of 1955..... Have Gun, Will Travel, slated for CBS, Saturdays, 9:30-10pm NYT, starting in the fall, will be alternately sponsored by Lever Brothers Co and Whitehall Pharmacal Co. Whitehall is starting as an alternate sponsor in the time period on May 11, when it alternates with Helene Curtis for a series of re-runs under the title S. R. O. - Playhouse. Current tenant of the time spot is Hey Jeannie!.....Other time buys confirmed by CBS include the alternate week sponsorship by Shulton, Inc., of the new film series Slezak and Son, starring Walter Slezak and featuring his 10-year-old son Leo. This will be seen Tuesdays, 8:30-9pm NYT, in the spot currently occupied by re-runs of Private Secretary. The Gold Seal Co (Glass Wax) and W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co will alternate as sponsors of re-runs of I Love Lucy, to be seen Wednesdays, 7:30-8pm NYT.....Armstrong Circle Theatre, now on NBC, will switch to CBS, alternating with the U.S. Steel Hour, Wednesdays, 10llpm NYT, starting in September.

John Payne, star of the forthcoming The Restless Gun (or The Westerner, or another title to be decided before debut), Mondays, 8-8:30pm NYT, starting over NBC on Sept 23, revealed in Hollywood last week why he jumped into TV with both feet, although still making good money doing feature pictures. The 39 films in the series are budgeted at \$1,560,000 (about \$40,000 per film), with Payne receiving about \$5,000 per film. In addition he said that he owns 50 per cent of the negatives, with NBC holding 25 per cent and MCA-TV holding the other 25. With that kind of salary and participation, Payne feels, "the worst I can get is a liberal education" in TV. His usual flat fee for a part in a motion picture feature is \$75,000, but he has also worked in nine films on a participating basis, with his return thus far ranging from a low of \$56,000 for one film to a high of \$168,000. Payments for a star of Payne's type usually include straight salary, deferred payments and a participating interest. The economics of his new TV deal serve to illustrate why star names can aid in selling a package to a sponsor, even though the cost per series may be hiked more than \$150,000 for a year's run. Some star packages offered this season have ranged up to \$65,000 per week at the first asking price, and few are geared to come in under \$50,000 without someone being squeezed on the cost end. Some stars are comparatively inexpensive -- if a show delivers everthing the sponsor expects.

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Although Schlitz Playhouse (Playhouse of Stars) used to boast that it played a different program each week, 52 weeks of the year (except for a couple of replays of a James Dean film), the shift to Revue Productions, the high cost of star names and generally upped budgets in film TV, will lead to normal season repeats on the series, probably about 12 in each year. The first of this year's repeats will be on May 17, an Edmond O'Brien starrer that was first shown last Jan ll.....Pilot production on the coast is expected to wind up about the first week in May for some of the late starters so that fast editing can get films to some agency reps by the middle of the month. Several of the major agencies are still waiting for a last look at series that might be possibilities for the fall. Several pilot films that haven't made the grade may be pulled back for some re-polishing and held against the possibility that the usual fall season collapse of several programs could result in a call for a mid-winter start for a series.

A premature release from KING-TV(Seattle), later recalled, indicated that ABC had set up a new network origination headquarters at KGW-TV(Portland, Ore.) to provide a "little" network origination point for kinescopes. A look at a map of AT&T TV links indicates that new network origination points to eliminate cable and microwave bottlenecks may lessen the importance of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles as major originations for delayed or re-broadcast programming. The increased production of tape recorders would hasten the day of new network origination points for recording and later re-broadcasting of network programs to take advantage of regional programming conditions or viewer habits. Besides Portland for the northwest, other origination points might be Dallas, Oklahoma City, Detroit, Buffalo, Atlanta, and other cities that are similarly situated as the hubs for radiating lines.

KOA-TV(Denver) last week decided to copy the disc jockey system of playing favorite records for listeners, by polling viewers on what feature films they would like to see on the station during the summer months. The station listed top movies from among the 2,000 it has rights to and has had ballots printed in the regional edition of TV Guide, April 27 issue, and in the April 28 Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News. Ballots were also passed out to the public at some special places. The station has two daily movie programs and a Warner Bros Theatre program on Sunday evenings which will be used to screen the movies chosen by viewers. There's a mad idea there for sponsors who "bring back by request" films for their summer re-run programs.

The Walter Winchell File, a new film series being produced by Desilu Productions, Inc., in Hollywood and New York, will be seen over ABC, possibly on Thursday evenings starting in the fall. Bert Granet is producer, with Jerry Thorpe as director. Oliver Treyz, ABC v.p. in charge of television, was quoted as saying, "It's good to have Walter back on ABC." Columnist Walter Winchell, long an ABC radio and TV commentator, was quoted: "It's good to be home." Not mentioned by either, nevermore, is a suit for \$7,000,000 brought by the columnist against ABC for breach of contract and damages during 1955. The administration involved is no longer at ABC.

PEOPLE GOING PLACES: E. Charles Straus named to the new post of director of talent and casting, CBS Television, Hollywood. He has been asst to the director of business affairs on the coast......Wayne Wille appointed director of press information at WBEM-TV(Chi)......Paul Radin upped to v.p., Ashley-Steiner, Inc., and will serve as a member of the board of the east and west coast offices of the firm...... Harry J. Feeney promoted from his post as trade news editor to the new position of manager of trade and business news for CBS Television press information, in NY....... Ray Lukshis named program director for KTLA(LA), with Hal Dasbach named program supervisor.....Matthew Rapf joined Goodson-Todman Productions' west coast office in Hollywood as a producer.

